

# "A Famine Of Hearing"

By J. M. Little

Have you ever heard that you are a lost sinner? Many of you will say yes to that. Your pastor or some personal soul winner, so-called, told you that you were lost and needed to be saved so you confessed your sins, "joined" the church and were baptized, and are now living the best you can. Do you know what that is? That is Satan's bait to damn your soul to Hell. In the first place, no preacher or anyone else in the human realm can show you your lost condition. You are a prisoner of Satan, blinded by him, (II Cor. 4), and you are totally at his mercy, locked in his will, lost but not able to see your lost condition. No human being has power to unlock your darkened and depraved heart and show you that you are lost. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to show you your lost condition. So if you just heard only from your pastor about your lost condition, you still are lost. Sinner, you must hear the voice of the Lord telling you that you are lost. Apart from hearing His voice, you are in the famine of hearing the Prophet Amos warned of. Are you hearing the voice of the Son of God? One of the evidences a person is not hearing the Word is that he will not attend to the things spoken by the Lord's servants. When the Lord opened Lydia's heart, there by the riverside, (Acts 16), she attended to the things spoken of by Paul. If you knew the Lord, you'd hear these messages. But since you have never been given a hearing ear, you are in the famine and will go off criticizing. If you ever hear the voice of my Lord you and I will be able to fellowship in Christ. The reason I cannot find fellowship with you in Christ is because you don't know Him. When a soul keeps on rebelling and accusing me of being too hard, I cry out, Oh, my! That individual is not saved. I don't care how religious you are and how much you can preach and teach, you are still on the outside. There is no such thing as a person being saved and fighting God's servants. A preacher I know today fought his dad, he could not understand my late pastor, the reason is because he was never given a hearing ear to hear the Word of God. Even



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though he is preaching down there in Florida, he, himself, is in the famine of hearing that Amos warned us about. It's sad to see preachers go in rebellion like that. Where do you stand? You are either saved or lost. You are either for Christ, or against Him. You are either for me or against me.

When the Lord was here on earth, He became a stumbling stone for those self-righteous Jews, the great religionists of His day. They professed to be Abraham's seed, yet they wanted to stone the Son of God, (Jn. 8). Individuals here profess to be saved, but they have nothing but hatred in their hearts for this servant of the Lord. I've seen the hatred in some of your hearts, you will never be saved. I have become a stumbling stone for many. One young man said of this servant of the Lord; "He hasn't done anything to me but I want to get him!" God pity you, friend. At the judgment you will not blame me for your lost condition.

The greatest thing in this universe is to know Christ, and if you know Him you love His servants. But you fight me because you don't know Him. That is the line of demarcation between the saved and the lost. Since I've been giving my testimony here after God saved me in 1972. He has used these simple Gospel messages to draw clearly and unmistakably the line

of demarcation between the SAVED and the LOST. If you will not acknowledge that, then I say you are lost, blinded by the god of this world and have never been given a hearing ear, which means you are in the famine of hearing. The prophet Isaiah said, "Hear and your soul shall live." Do you see how important it is to hear His voice in judgment at the Great White Throne Judgment? Which will it be in your case? Where are you going, friend?

Truly, we are living in the last days now. Anyone with any sense at all will acknowledge that the whole world is in a mess. The only way out is repentance! If you'll repent and turn to the Lord He'll save you. If you don't repent your final abode will be with the Devil and his angels.

Will you be one in these last days to run to the Lord? The Lord's coming is sooner than we think. We are in the new year, which means we are one year nearer the Lord's coming. Are you looking for Him to come? I am. His soon return is my hope. Since you don't know Him, I plead with you to turn to Him. I hope some of these preachers will turn to the Lord. Just think what a sadness at the judgment it will be if you go there having preached the Word but were in the famine of hearing. May the Lord have mercy on you as He did on me. Amen!

# Northeast's Athletic Teams Committed To Excellence

By James Cuthbertson  
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Northeast Junior High head basketball and football coach Larry Artis is a man committed to excellence.

To further his training and to pick up the latest techniques in basketball, he works at the University of Tennessee Camp of Champions.

"I have done this for five years," said Artis. "Each year, I take some young men from this area. You have to crawl before you can walk and the individualized approach of this camp emphasizes the techniques of basketball and teaches these kids how to crawl at the sport so that they can walk to newer heights and possible college scholarships."

This year Artis took eight young men with him.

They were Maurice Caldwell and Duane Montgomery of West Charlotte High, Clifford Carelock, Lamar Drye, Jason Mullis and Danny Sculock of Northeast Junior High, Dale Rainey of Garinger, and Renardo Gooding of West Mecklenburg.

The trip was the week of June 16-23 and while there, the young men were treated to instruction from head Tennessee basketball coach Don Devoe, Dallas Maverick player Dale Ellis and Denver Nuggets player Willie Burton.

"Youngsters need to get a chance to leave their community and environment," Artis said. "If

they are talented they need to play in other areas under other conditions so that they can learn fellowship and other styles. It was a chance for the youngsters who went to become exposed to see how college life is and they will know what to expect when they attend college."

According to Artis, the recent acquisition of former Independence star Tony White has Don Devoe and his recruits looking hard at the Southwestern 4A Conference for further talent.

Maurice Caldwell was

named "Best Player" in the camp (of 350 players). The 6'2", 175 pounder will be, in the estimation of the camp's instructors, one of the best guards in the area in the next few years.

"He is a rising junior," said Artis. "The coaching staff at Tennessee liked him so much they decided to invite him to a special camp next year. They say he has natural talent, is quick, an excellent shooter, is a patient playmaker and an excellent major college prospect."

Artis returns to the Camp of Champions this week with some more young men.

"My ambition is to become a high school basketball coach," said the former South Carolina State standout.

Originally from Newark, N.J., Artis graduated from Darden High School in Wilson, N.C., and dominated the Eastern 4A of the old North Carolina State League (negro) which included such teams as Durham Hillside, New Bern J. T. Barber, Rocky Mount Washington, Wilmington Williston, Raleigh Ligon, Fayetteville E. E. Smith and Goldsboro Dilard.



Pictured above are the members of the Northeast Junior High basketball squad. They are, first row, left to right: Clifford Carelock, Renardo Gooding, Lamar Drye and Danny Sculock; second row, left to

right: Maurice Caldwell, Dale Rainey, Duane Montgomery and Jason Mullis; and third row, left to right: assistant coach Duke Thorpe, head coach Dan Devoe and Larry Artis.

## Food Lions To Open Several New Stores

Food Lion, Inc. announces the signing of leases for several new Food Lion stores at the following locations: A new 21,000 square foot store to be built at the intersection of Ashley River Road and Wappoo Road, to be located in a shopping center known as Food Lion Shopping Center, in Charleston, SC; and a new 25,000 square foot store to be built at the intersection of Nations Ford Road and Arrowood Drive, to be located in a shopping center known as Southwood Village Shopping Center, in Charlotte, NC; and a new 21,000 square foot store to be built at U.S. Highway 27 and Lakeside Road, to be located in a shopping center known as Little River Village Shopping Center, in Little River, SC; and a new 21,000 square foot store to be built at Millwood Road and State Road 15, to be located in a shopping center known as Longwood Village Shopping Center, in Farmville, VA; and a new

21,000 square foot store to be built at U.S. Route 301 (approximately 800' south of SC-6-US 301 Intersection), to be located in a shopping center known as Bradford Village Shopping Center, in Santee, SC; and a new 21,000 square foot store to be built on Salter Path Road, to be located in a shopping center known as Coral Bay Shopping Center, in Atlantic Beach, NC; and a new 25,000 square foot store to be built of U.S. Highway 17 South and Highway 17 Bypass, to be located in a shopping center known as Inlet Village Shopping Center, near the City of Murrells

Inlet, SC; and a new 21,000 square foot store to be built on U.S. Highway 501, to be located in a shopping center known as Conway Crossing, near the City of Conway, SC. The opening dates for these new stores have not been set.

Food Lion presently operates 240 stores in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, and Maryland, with new stores under construction in High Point, Greensboro, Dallas, Statesville, and Durham, NC; Big Stone Gap, Bedford, and Harrisonburg, VA; Jefferson City and Johnson City, TN.

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# United Way Gears Up For New Campaign

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

Thumbing through the United Way Directory of Agencies, Grants and Services you might notice some fairly new programs provided by member agencies.

There's Anorexia and Related Eating Disorders support group and an Urban League program called Teens 'N Touch. The money raised each year by volunteers for United Way helps the agency meet community needs in various capacities.

This year the campaign chairman for the annual fundraising campaign is William H. Grigg, executive vice president of finance and administration for Duke Power Company. According to Grigg this year's goal exceeds the one in 1983 by nearly \$785,000. He reported \$9.4 million is expected to be raised throughout the United Way service area.

The service area which Grigg referred to includes all of Mecklenburg and Union counties. Officially, the United Way fundraiser begins September 18 and continues through October 25.

"We've taken a hard and thorough look at the needs of people in our area who are helped by United Way services," said Grigg. "We believe the goal set today will enable United Way to continue to meet these essential community needs."

Grigg noted half the increase over last year's goal is merely to keep up with inflation. The other donations will go toward

government-foundation support and new and expanded United Way programs. At least 12 expansions and new programs have been recommended for priority. If all these recommendations are met, about \$289,251 will be needed for those projects alone.

The following will be working with Grigg to reach citizens in Mecklenburg and Union counties and solicit their pledges: J. Ben Helms, president of MaLeck Industries Inc. will direct the Union County corporate and private fundraising. Jere Drummond, vice president of N.C. Southern Bell will be responsible for the solicitation of contributions from the 40 largest companies and their employees in Mecklenburg County.

Richard Ranson, president of Crescent Land and Timber will oversee fundraising activities for the 40 next largest companies in Mecklenburg County. Assistant city manager, Donald Steger will direct fundraising activities in the smaller firms, from government employees and professionals.

Roger C. Owens is branch manager of IBM's national accounts division. He will oversee fundraising from various trade, industrial and public service occupations. Mrs. Claire Tate will direct the contribution collections from people not normally reached through the workplace. This group includes homemakers, retirees and others.

It's reported that of every dollar collected during the annual fundraiser, 90 cents is returned to the community through agency services. United Way manages to keep costs to a minimum because it has thousands of volunteers.

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