

'Feast of Christ' celebrated

Ocean View United Methodist Church will celebrate the Feast of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22. Music will be provided by the chancel choir and soloist Wendy Williams Jones. Pastor Fred Roberts will base his sermon on Colossians 1:11-20. His topic will be the centrality of Christ, the Christian understanding of the universe. Nursery care is available at both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.

McCracken is Aglow speaker

Irene McCracken will be the guest speaker for the November meeting of the Southport Women's Aglow Fellowship. The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 21. It will be preceded at 9:30 a.m. by fellowship and refreshments at the Southport Senior Citizens Center on Atlantic Avenue. McCracken is vice-president of the Shallotte Women's Aglow and is active in her local church. More information can be obtained by calling Tuddie Dixon at 842-6565 or Lawanda Radford at 845-2968.

'Blessings' is topic of sermon

"The Cup That Overflows" is the title of the sermon to be delivered by Dr. W. Murray Page at the Southport Presbyterian Church this Sunday, November 22, during the 11 a.m. worship hour. The message will have as its text Psalms 23:5 and will address the following concerns: Why is it so difficult for us to be thankful for the blessings we do have? What qualifies as the most meaningful experience in your life? Does recalling this moment produce thanksgiving in your heart? Why? What needs to happen in your life for you to realize more of the blessings God can initiate for you?

Community Thanksgiving

Father Joe Vetter, priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, will deliver the sermon at the community Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship on Wednesday, November 25, at 7 p.m. Mt. Carmel AME Church, located at the corner of Lord and St. George streets, will be host for the occasion. Special music will be provided by the choirs from the Mt. Carmel and Friendship Missionary Baptist churches, and by the Southport Presbyterian Church Fellowship Singers. Local pastors and lay leaders will lead the worship service. The public is invited to attend.

Churches join for service

The Oak Island branch of the interchurch fellowship will sponsor a Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 25, at Oak Island Presbyterian Church. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Fred Roberts of Ocean View United Methodist Church. He will be assisted by the Rev. Doug Huff of Oak Island Baptist Church and the Rev. Richard DePriter of Oak Island Presbyterian Church. Music will be provided by a choir made up of representatives from the three Oak Island churches, directed by Thom Clemmons. Linda Tronzo will be the organist.

Giving thanks sermon theme

The theme for Sunday's sermon at Oak Island Presbyterian Church will be "Jesus took seven loaves and the fishes and gave thanks". The service will begin at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, November 22. The Rev. Richard DePriter said even though Jesus performed a miracle to feed the thousands gathered to hear him, they must not expect miracles for their daily bread. The text for the sermon will be taken from Matthew 15:36.

Thanksgiving is Baptist topic

"In the Spirit of Thanksgiving..." will be pastor Wayne Trexler's message topic at Southport Baptist Church during the 11 a.m. worship service. The celebration of Thanksgiving will also include a special Thanksgiving musical, "Our Grateful Praise", by the adult choir under the direction of Eddie Hicks with narration by Jeff Johnson. The children's choir will sing "You Get Tall When You Fall on Your Knees" during the 7 p.m. worship. The pastor's message will be "Thank You is Always in Season" (Hebrew 10:19-25).

St. Philip's to dedicate organ

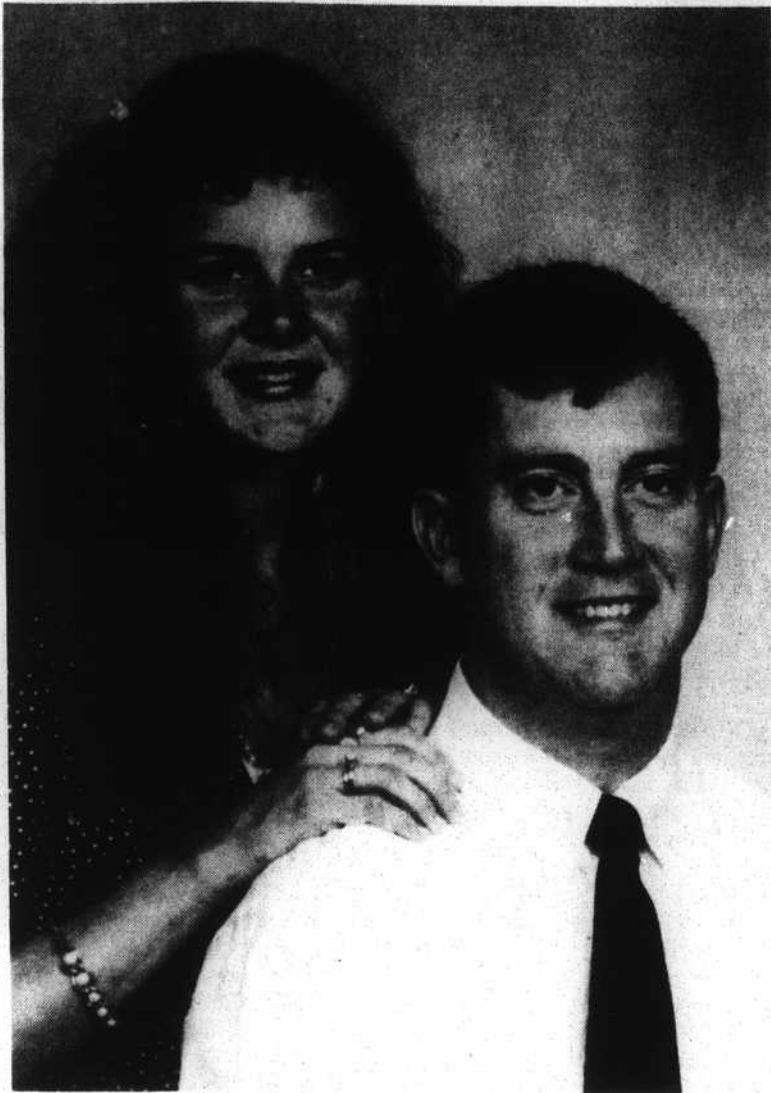
A representative of Allen Organ Company will present an organ concert at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Southport on Sunday, November 22, at 6 p.m. The concert by Chris King will include a dedication of the new Allen electronic organ at St. Philip's. The men of the church will host a reception following the concert. The public is invited and nursery care is available in the Carr-Jorgensen House on Dry Street.

Alliance church hosts Rich

Cape Fear Alliance Church will host Dr. Warren Rich on Sunday, November 22, during the 11 a.m. worship service. Warren and Miriam Rich and family have recently returned from their second three-year term as missionaries with Africa Inland Mission in Kenya. Prior to their work in Kenya the couple lived in Southport, where Rich practiced as a dentist with Dr. Larry Hemby. The Rich family lives in Kijabe, Kenya, 35 miles from the capital city of Nairobi. He serves as a dentist and is active in discipleship with the national staff at the Kijabe Medical Center. His wife teaches Sunday school and Bible studies for the nursing students and the medical center. The couple is residing in Wilmington as they await the birth of their fourth child in December. They plan to return to the mission field in February.

Church women hold service

The local unit of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at St. Peter Lutheran Church will conduct the morning worship service on Sunday, November 22, at 11 a.m. Mrs. Dan Beddard, president of the local unit, will deliver the sermon and members of the various circles will serve as liturgists and lay assistants. The national organization of WELCA is celebrating its fifth anniversary. The women of St. Peter Parish have long been active in the predecessor women's organizations of the Lutheran Church.



Brenda and George Harriss of Wilmington have announced the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann Wolfe of Raleigh, to Kelvin Eric Swinson of Raleigh. He is the son of Ruby and Burris Swinson of Wilmington. The wedding is planned for December 5 in Winter Park Presbyterian Church, Wilmington. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late James L. Wolfe, Jr., and the granddaughter of Gladys and James Wolfe of Long Beach, Elmer Sellers of Southport and the late Ocia Mae Sellers. She is a senior majoring in civil engineering at North Carolina State University. Swinson is a junior majoring in political science and history and is employed by United Parcel Service.

Literacy volunteers celebrate tenth year

Over 50 supporters of the Brunswick County Literacy Council celebrated the organization's tenth anniversary with an open house on Sunday, November 8. Chairman Joe Giamalva opened a brief program featuring BCLC volunteers and students, by introducing coordinator Gladys Wagenseil. Ms. Wagenseil spoke about the humble beginnings of BCLC, when seven volunteers tutored nine students. The literacy council now serves over 100 volunteers and 87 students. Ms. Wagenseil recognized several key people whose efforts have helped BCLC grow: Dr. Joe Carter, founding president of Brunswick Tech -- now Brunswick Community College -- first recognized the need for a literacy program that would provide one-on-one tutoring in the county; Ruth Whitley of Columbus County Literacy Council has served as a resource throughout BCLC's existence. Ms. Wagenseil introduced two students who, along with their tutors, described their experiences.

ARRIVALS

Spec. Stephen W. Larson, Jr., and Bethany B. Larson of Killeen, Texas, formerly of Southport and Bolivia, have announced the birth of a son, Stephen Webster Larson, III, on October 28, 1992, at Fort Hood, Texas. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stephen W. Larson, Sr., of Yaupon Beach. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brown of Bolivia. Maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Phelps of Bolivia.



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