



Over 100 family members and friends attended a recognition program and dinner at Bethel United Methodist Church in Bolivia for Gerald, Mildred and Ernestine Mercer in appreciation for their church and community work over the years. After dinner, the Rev. Russell Knowles spoke about the Mercers' dedication and presented them with a plaque.

Captive Free will perform Friday night

Captive Free, a Christian youth music ministry, will perform during Youth Night at Trinity United Methodist Church on Friday, March 20, 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and pizza will be available for \$3. Captive Free members perform at hundreds of churches throughout the eastern United States, and are sponsored by Youth Encounters, a Minneapolis-based youth ministry.

Beach Road hosts GROW revival event

Beach Road Baptist Church will hold a GROW -- God Rewards Our Work -- Revival, March 22-25.

The first service will be held Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m. The evening services begin at 7:15 p.m. Special guest speaker will be W. H. Voorhes, director of missions for the Transylvania Baptist Association. The GROW Revival concept was developed by Fred Lumsford, church growth multiplier with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It is designed to reach people for Bible study and "winning the lost to Christ."



VOORHES

The public is welcome and nursery care will be provided.

Island church hosts luncheon for March 25

The Wednesday, March 25, Lenten Luncheon at First Baptist Church of Oak Island will begin at noon.

The Rev. John Chaffin, pastor of Cape Fear Alliance Church and moderator of the Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship, will preach from Luke 15:1-3, 11-32. His sermon will be entitled "Turn Back Home."

The community is invited to join in these worship services which are followed by lunch. The Southport-Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship sponsors the events.

WMU program to be presented

Gloria Morrison, a professional dramatist, will present "Our, Commission -- Missions," the story of Annie Armstrong and how she helped start the Women's Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The program will begin at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, March 29, at Antioch Baptist Church on Midway Road near Bolivia. The public is invited to attend.

St. James church hosts family day

St. James AME Church will host its annual Family and Friends Day on Sunday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.

Special guests will include the Rev. J. W. Freeman and members of the Piney Grove AME Zion Church congregation, and host pastor the Rev. Thomas Jacobs Jr. Dinner will be provided.

Jinwright Family appears in concert

The Jinwright Family of Winnabow will be in concert Saturday, March 21, at New Hope Freewill Baptist Church in the Snowfield community.

The program will begin at 7:30 p.m., said the Rev. Ivory Simmons, pastor.

Church Directory

CAPE FEAR ALLIANCE CHURCH
Highway 133 & 87 (across from B&I)
John Chaffin, pastor, 457-5665, Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
W. West Street, Southport, Rev. Vernon D. Kelly, 457-5845. Sunday school-worship service 10 a.m. Sunday evening service 6:15 p.m.

MIDWAY APOSTOLIC CHURCH
Highway 211, Pastor Betty McKendrie, 457-6802 or 457-5793. Sunday services 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7:15 p.m.

JOY ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Highway 211, Southport, Pastor William Van Meter, 457-5752. Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

BEACH ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Long Beach Road, Rev. Ray Webb, 457-0300. Sunday school 9:30 a.m., worship 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday service, Bible study, Youth Mission, GA's, RA's and Mission Friends, 7 p.m.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1628 Howe Street, Southport, 457-6126, Rev. Billy Buchanan Sunday school 9:45 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday services, Bible study, 7 p.m.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
North of Bolivia off U.S. 17, Pastor Leo Cannon. Services for all ages. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m., discipleship training 6 p.m., worship 7 p.m.; mission organizations and prayer meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday.

LEBANON BAPTIST CHURCH
7642 Funston Road, Winnabow, Pastor Hugh Moore. Sunday school 10 a.m., preaching 11 a.m. Sunday night service, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday service 7:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
620 N. Clarendon Avenue, Southport, Rev. Charles Jacobs, 457-6535 or 655-4545. Sunday school 10 a.m. Second and fourth Sunday worship 11 a.m. Wednesday prayer meeting 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BOILING SPRING LAKES
45 Boiling Spring Road, Boiling Spring Lakes, Avery Lumsden, 845-2169 or 845-2313. Sunday worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday service 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
619 Lord Street, Southport, Rev. Malcolm Lewis, 910-283-7996 home or 910-291-2030 pager. Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., and prayer meeting and Bible study each Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAK ISLAND
4608 Oak Island Drive, Pastor Dr. W. B. Hutchinson Sr., 278-9511. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship service 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

MILL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
1099 George II Highway, Winnabow, 253-5275. Dr. Wayne C. Tyner, Pastor. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday prayer service 7 p.m. Acteens, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends.

SOUTHPORT BAPTIST CHURCH
200 N. Howe Street, 457-6816 or 457-6352. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

BELVILLE INDEPENDENT HOLINESS
River Road, Belleville Sunday School 10:00 am Sunday Worship 11:00 am & 6 pm Thursday 7:30 pm Pastor Lonnie Holley

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
5269 Doshier Cutoff SE, Southport, Rev. Douglas Lawson, 457-6173. Saturday Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
East Moore and Dry Street, Southport, Rev. Robert L. Beasley, 457-5643. Worship at 8:00 and 11:00 AM. Nursery provided from 11:00.

ST. JAMES THE FISHERMAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4941 Main St., Shallotte. The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Warner, Jr. (910) 754-9313. Services: Sun. 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Church School, 10:30 a.m. Nursery Provided. Wed. 12:10 p.m.-Holy Eucharist. 7:00 p.m.-Family Night.

SOUTHPORT CHURCH OF GOD
Calhoun Drive, Dale Acres Subdivision, Rev. Charles Self, 457-5690. Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service 7 p.m.

SOUTHPORT WORSHIP CENTER
4565 Long Beach Rd. SE, Rev. T. L. Parris, 278-7188. Sunday school 10 a.m., worship 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.,

SAINT PETER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
4843 Southport-Supply Road SE, Kenneth Langsdorf, Pastor 457-5604. Sunday worship 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m.

MT. CARMEL AME CHURCH
507 N. Lord Street, Southport, Rev. Richard H. Davis, Jr., 253-6668. Sunday service 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

OCEAN VIEW UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
600 Yaupon Drive, Yaupon Beach, Rev. Fred Roberts, 278-5973 or 278-5229. Sunday services 8:30, 9:45 and 11 a.m. Sunday school 9:45 a.m. Youth groups, Sunday evenings.

ST. JAMES AME ZION CHURCH
420 E. West/Rhett St., Southport, Rev. Thomas Jacobs, Jr., 457-6857. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Communion first Sunday, Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Nash Street and Atlantic Avenue, Southport, Rev. Bill Cottingham, 457-6633 or 457-6341. Sunday school 9:45 a.m., informal worship 8:30 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Youth meeting Sundays at 6 p.m.

LOVE OF CHRIST CHURCH
Highway 17, Bolivia. Pastor Ronnie Smith, 253-4893. Services 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

CHURCH OF THE COMMUNITY
Highway 211 and Oakview Drive, Southport, Edmond Wong, 457-5324 or 457-5743. Sunday school 10:15 a.m., worship 11 a.m. Bible study/prayer meeting alternates Thursdays and Fridays at 7 p.m.

SALT & LIGHT MINISTRIES
801 N. Howe St., Pastor John A. Eagles, Jr., 457-0539. Services 10 a.m. Sundays.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Highway 87, Boiling Spring Lakes, Marvin Nickels, 845-2005 or 845-2296. Sunday Bible study, 10 a.m., worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7:30 p.m.

LETTIE'S GROVE CHURCH
Highway 17, Shallotte, Pastor Dr. E.J. Hole 754-4809, Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 a.m., Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m. And Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (BRUNSWICK)
4934 Southport/Supply Rd. SE Sunday Services: Bible school 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:30 p.m. (910)253-5469

CHRIST BODY MINISTRIES
115 S. Howe St., Southport, Rev. John F. Watkins, 457-6454. A Bible believing New Testament Church. Sunday worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF GOD PROPHECY
Winnabow, N.C., Steve Crews, 253-4706. Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Young people Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHPORT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Stuart and Moore Streets, Southport, Rev. Jonathan R. Kelly, 457-6811 or 457-5250. Sunday school 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m.

OAK ISLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1503 E. Oak Island Drive, Long Beach, 278-9741. Rev. Michael Ward. Sunday school 9:15 a.m., Sunday worship 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

PHILADELPHIA WESLEYAN CHURCH
1990 Ash-Little River Road, three miles north of Hickman's Crossroads. Pastor Mark Stevenson, 1-910-287-3728. Sunday school 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

FAITH WESLEYAN CHURCH
1280 Highway 90, North Myrtle Beach, S.C., Pastor Ron Nichols, Office: (803) 399-CARE, Sunday School 10 a.m., Sunday Worship 11 a.m., Sunday Evening 7 p.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

SONRISE INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH
8375 River Road (Corner 133/87 Doshier Cutoff), Southport, Pastor: Bill Skeen, 457-0159, Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

TRINITY TABERNACLE
1029 George II Hwy. (Rt. 87) Pastor Ron Capps, 253-5878 or 253-6015, Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH
1700 Midway Rd., Bolivia, Rev. Horace Jackson. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 7 p.m., discipleship training & children's choir 6 p.m. Wednesday prayer service, GA's, RA's Mission Friends & youth, 7 p.m.

WOODBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
509 Village Rd., Leland, 371-3020. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m. (nursery provided). Sunday prayer service 7 p.m.

FULL GOSPEL HOUSE OF PRAYER IN JESUS NAME
(910) 846-3074, Pastor (910)845-8818 Hwy. 87 Boiling Spring Lakes. Pastor Thomas Sergeant. Sunday Worship Services 10:00 am & 7:00 pm. Thursday evening services 7:30 pm.

CHURCH OF GOD SHINING LIGHT APOSTOLIC
Services: Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday Night, 6 p.m. Thursday night, 7 p.m. Pastor: Elder Leander Mosley Sr., 253-6865. "Come visit a church where we all are a family in Jesus".

NEW BEGINNINGS FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
5101 Bridgers Road, Shallotte, NC Rev. Elizabeth Cain 754-2730 or 253-6718. Sunday School 10 am Sunday Worship Service 10:30 am & 6:00 pm Wednesday Service 7:30 pm

UNITY CHRIST CHURCH
Services: Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Children's Church and Nursery 10:30 a.m. Church Office Mon.-Thur. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dial-A-Prayer 763-1544 Bookstore open during Sunday service and regular office hours.

ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Zion Church Rd. Winnabow/Town Creek Rev. Jim Reed, pastor Worship Sunday 11:00 am, Sunday School 9:45, Children's Ministry Sunday 6pm, Youth Sunday 6pm, Craft Fellowship Tues. 7pm Choir Weds. 7pm

Sermon topics

Ocean View Methodist

The Rev. Fred Roberts, pastor of Ocean View United Methodist Church, will use scripture from Psalm 32 and Luke 15:1-3 during the Sunday, March 22, worship service entitled "Finding the Words -- and the Way Back."

"How to come home when we've really blown it," Roberts said of his sermon theme.

Associate pastor is Lloyd Pendergraft. Morning services are held at 8:30 and 11 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided for all services. On Saturday at 5:30 p.m. a contemporary service is planned.

Southport Baptist

The Sunday, March 22, message at Southport Baptist Church is the second in the series on "Truths of the Gospel." The truth looked at this Sunday is "Human Sinfulness," with Romans 1:18-25 and Luke 4:1-12 are texts.

"Our sinfulness tends to cluster itself around three matters," said Dr. Marvin Gold, interim pastor. "First, selfishness in personal matters; second, our misuse of our power; third, our failure to take responsibility for our own lives. God's grace enables us to live in His love despite our sinfulness."

Sunday school for all age levels begins at 9:45 a.m., with morning worship at 11 a.m. Evening worship is held at 7 p.m. Nursery care is provided. Visitors are welcome to attend.

Trinity United Methodist

"A Party During Lent" is the message the Rev. Bill Cottingham will deliver to his congregation at Trinity United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 22.

"Share and experience how to retell your story of returning from a disappointment," Cottingham said.

Worship services are held at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:45 a.m. Child care is provided. Junior Youth meets at 4 p.m. and Senior Youth at 6 p.m. on Sunday. An interdenominational prayer breakfast is held Saturday at 7 a.m.

Oak Island First Baptist

The Rev. Billy Hutchinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Oak Island, asked, "Does a pat on the back make you feel good? How about when someone befriends you? Paul teaches us in Romans 15:1-9 that it is important for us to encourage one another. The scripture also shares with us that we should accept one another as we are, that as strong Christians we should learn from the past and encourage into the future."

"Endure with Encouragement!" is the sermon title. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. and the worship service at 11 a.m. "Walk through the Bible" study continues Sunday at 7 p.m. as the book of Psalm is shared.

Oak Island Presbyterian

"The Unmistakable Mandate" is the sermon topic Sunday, March 22, at Oak Island Presbyterian Church. Pastor Michael Ward said, "As Christians we are each called to serve God in various ways, yet we are all called to serve Him in one way. We all have an "unmistakable mandate" we all must follow -- the mandate of love for all, even the most unlovely." Scripture will be used from John 15:9-17.

Sunday school begins at 9:15 a.m., with worship services at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery care is provided at the 10:15 a.m. service.

Anyone needing a ride to the church service on Sunday is asked to call the church office, 278-9741, by noon Friday.

Saint Peter Lutheran

At Saint Peter Lutheran Church's 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services Sunday, March 22, pastor Ken Langsdorf will preach on the parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15:11-32.

"It is always good to come home: After a day of work, after being away at college or after a long trip," Langsdorf noted. "At times we may wander away from home in youthful rebellion or curiosity, like the younger brother in the parable. We may become estranged from family members, like the older brother, and thus not be 'at home' even though we share the same house. In all these situations we desire the true home of security, love and acceptance. This comes to us in the unexpected abundance of God's grace. Through repentance and faith in Jesus as our Savior, we can return to God and live at peace with Him -- a beloved child."

Southport Presbyterian

The parable of the Prodigal Son from Luke 15 is the subject of the Rev. Jonathan Kelley's sermon at Southport Presbyterian Church this Sunday, March 22. The sermon title is "Going into the Party."

"The parable is a cherished description of God's love in the face of human sin depicted in the father and his two sons," Kelley commented. "When the younger son finally returned home having wasted his inheritance, the indulgent father threw a party to welcome him. But the older son said he wouldn't go into the party. He claimed it wasn't fair. What about our lives? Are we able to go into the party?"

Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m. and child care is provided during the service. The church hosts Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. A fellowship time follows the worship service. The church is located at the corner of East Moore Street and Stuart Avenue.

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