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**JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ TEAM WINS**



The novice level Junior Bible Quiz team from Askewville Assembly of God won first place at the state-level competition on April 9. Pictured are (front row, from left) Austin Perry and Olivia Bazemore. In the second row are coach Michelle Perry, Makayla Hill, Shane Lowers, Lindsey Perry, coach Danny

Perry. Two of the quizzers also placed in the top five in individual scoring: Lindsey Perry (second place), Austin Perry (fourth place). The team went undefeated for the entire JBQ season. To learn more about Junior Bible Quiz, visit [www.nationaljbq.org](http://www.nationaljbq.org).

**Faith**

**Special events**

Church announcements are published each week in the Bertie Ledger-Advance. The deadline to submit news items for this listing is 10 a.m. each Monday. Submissions may be emailed to [twhite@ncweeklies.com](mailto:twhite@ncweeklies.com).

**April 18-20**

*Revival Services*

**AULANDER** – Two nights of Revival Services continue April 19-20 at Conocanary Missionary Baptist Church.

The guest speakers include:

\* the Rev. Dr. Jerry V. Moody, Pastor of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Ahoskie (Wednesday and Thursday).

Canaan will provide music on Tuesday, Conocanary on Wednesday and Calvary on Thursday.

The church is located at 1425 Hexlena Rd. in Aulander.

The Pastor, the Rev. W. Rob Lewis II, and congregation invite the public to attend.

**April 23**

*Choir and Musicians Day*

**WINDSOR** – Choir and Musicians Day will be observed at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 23 at Pleasant Oak Missionary Baptist Church.

The guest speaker will be the Rev. Larry Cooper of New Bethel Baptist Church in Boykins, Va. His choir, ushers and congregation will accompany him.

The Pastor, the Rev. Linward James, and congregation invite the public to attend.

**April 25-27**

*Spring Revival*

**WINDSOR** – Annual Spring Revival Services are planned for April 25-27 at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Services begin nightly at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speakers include:

the Rev. James Collins of Mt. Ararat Missionary Baptist Church (Tuesday);

Pastor C. David Stackhouse of New Ahoskie Missionary Baptist Church (Wednesday) and

the Rev. James Wrighton of St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church (Thursday).

The Pastor, Kennedy L. Barber, and congregation invite the public to attend.

**Ongoing**

*Help needed*

**WILLIAMSTON** - New Fellowship Church and Project Feed The 5000 is asking for help with donations of pet food for older adults who have pets as their only family member.

For information on how to donate bagged or canned dog/cat food, call 252-792-7191.

*Women Praying*

**WILLIAMSTON** - Prayer is being made for Williamston.

All women are welcome to come and pray any time between noon and 2 p.m. at Word of Truth Fellowship, 1003 Washington St., Williamston.

For more information, call 252-792-0678.

*Food Pantry*

**WILLIAMSTON** - The Food Pantry at the Bible Way Apostolic Church is open from 8-10 a.m. The church is located at Sycamore and Center streets in Williamston.

**Preach the Gospel**

*And Jesus said to the disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."*

Found in Mark chapter 16, these verses should propel us forward in life. Dare I say, they should be the marker to know if our life is on the right trajectory.

You may be wondering how and why this is true.

I live in the desert in Africa, and have done so for the past six years. During those six years I have learned the local language, become familiar with the culture and the people surrounding me; and yet if all I do is make friends and everyone loves me, really I've failed.

I have said "yes" to go to this country so that He might be known amongst a people that is lost, dying, and on their way to an eternal suffering, so how can I not tell them of the One who has completely changed me inside and out?

I have said yes to picking up my roots from a familiar, small town life to putting down new roots in a capital city of three million - all so that they might know Him as I do. I now tell stories of old to marginalized boys and pray that it touches them deep down inside to their very core.

Discipleship is something I think that, generally, the church

**"This is the day the Lord has made."**

- PSALM 118:24



**MISSIONARY NATALI WILLIAMS**

today thinks is no longer a mandate, or useful in this day and age. In Matthew chapter 28, scripture commands us to go and make disciples, but you may be asking yourself, "really, what does that even mean?"

It means making life purposeful, building on the foundation that God is with you and wants to see those around you reconciled to Him. It looks like doing life with all of those who are around you, not just the believers that you have things in common with.

Reach out to the one that you don't understand - Jesus loves them too. Speak up and use your own testimony that will give glory to the One who helped you along the way and to encourage others - that's why you have it.

So many times people underestimate their God-given ability to reach out to those around them and speak into their lives. Do you have a neighbor that has a rough life? Pray that God would give you the words and humility to speak, and then act. Is someone in your family look-

ing in all of the wrong places for help? First pray and act. Do you often wonder about sadness in the eyes of the cashier behind the register?

Ask God to help you, and in humility be with that cashier. Pray for one another both in private and in public.

Seek out those who are never sought out. Speak words of encouragement to each another, but do not forget you must also be confessing your sins to one another. You can sharpen one another.

Here in Africa there are many things that could hold me back from sharing about the One whom I know, yet He's worth the obedience on my end. Instead of thinking about everything that could go wrong, I think about all that can go right.

Little boys who aimlessly walk around the city, begging for anything they can get, have a chance to know that they are loved by and delighted in by their heavenly Father.

How can I not say this? How can I keep this to myself. I can't, and I won't. The One who goes before me says the chance that they believe is greater than my comfort.

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**THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE**

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...*

— Matthew 28:19,20

Detail of "Ascension" by John Singleton Copley, 1775

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**BIBLE TRIVIA**  
by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From Luke 17, when Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many came back to thank Him? 1, 2, 5, All 10
3. Who had seven sons who always celebrated their birthdays with a feast?  
Eli, Job, John, David
4. From Genesis 32, whose thigh went out of joint while wrestling perhaps with an angel? Adam, Moses, Jacob, Lot
5. The pool of Bethesda is/was near which gate to the city of Jerusalem? Sheep, Camel, Horse, People
6. Who was Caiaphas' father-in-law? Annanias, Annas, Pilate, Nicodemus

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**Public Notice**

The individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-Part B, Public Law 108,446) Project is presently being amended. The Project describes the special education programs that Bertie County Schools proposed for Federal funding for the 2017-2018 School Year. Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the Project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this Federal Program. All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended Project to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, North Carolina. The IDEA-Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of April 24-28, 2017 in the office of Jamie C. Liverman, Director of EC Programs, located at 715 US Highway 13 North, Windsor, North Carolina.