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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.

Sept. 25-29

Fall Revival

EDENTON – Fall Revival Services are planned Sept. 25-29 at Good Works Community Church.

Services begin each night with Intercessory Prayer at 6 p.m. followed by Testimonies and Exhortation at 6:25 p.m., Praise and Worship at 7 p.m. and Revival Preaching at 7:50 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Jamelle Baylor, Pastor of Greater Praise Ministries in Farmville.

The church is located at North Broad St. in Edenton. The Pastor, Edna Hathaway Lawrence, and congregation invite the public to attend.

Sept. 30

Evening of Praise

POWELLVILLE – An Evening of Praise is planned for Saturday, Sept. 30 at First Baptist Missionary Church of Powellsville. Doors will open at 4 p.m. followed by the concert at 5 p.m. The featured singers will include Evangelist Alycia Saulsbury, Robert "Brent" Askew and the Golden Harmonizers of Mapleton. Comedian Peaty Ray Red will be the master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

For more information, contact Andrea Canada (252-287-9718), Genia Canada (252-333-5117) or Alvin Butler (252-345-2134).

Yard Sale and Car Wash

WINDSOR - Pastor Kennedy L. Barber and the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church cordially you to our Community Yard Sale and Carwash on Saturday Sept. 30, 2017 from at 8 am - 1 pm.

The 7 I Am's in the New Testament

LEWISTON- The Senior Missionary Ministry of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor a service titled "The Seven I Am's in the New Testament."

The Service will be held at noon, Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017 at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

The participants are: Minister Doris Askew, Piney Wood Chapel Missionary Baptist Church; Minister Ann Bell, Beautiful Zion Missionary Baptist Church; Minister Leola Mitchell, Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church; Deacon Willie Riddick, Zion Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church; Deacon Anthony Peele and Deacon Debbie Cherry, Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Sister Cenda Gilliam will serve as worship leader.

The Reverend Samuel K. Shaw III, Paster-Elect, the Ministry and Church family invite the public to this special service.

Oct. 1

Annual Missionary Day

LEWISTON - The Missionary Ministry will observe its Annual Missionary Day on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m., at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Deaconess Carrie Ruffin Crowe Conocanary Missionary Baptist Church will serve as worship leader, Minister Johnetta Chavis, Calvary Missionary Baptist Church will give the tribute, and the Reverend Samuel K. Shaw III will preach the Word.

The public is invited to attend.

Oct 4-5

Fall Revival

AULANDER - Pastor Alma O. Lucas and The Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church family invites the public to join them for their annual fall revival on Oct. 4-5 at 820 Charles Taylor Rd., Aulander.

Devotional period is nightly between 7:15 - 7:30 p.m. Worship services begin at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 4 Pastor Margaret Barber from St. Elmo MB Church will be speaking and on October 5 Pastor Kennedy Barber from St. Luke MB Church will be speaking.

Oct. 6

Plate Sale

WINDSOR – The women of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church will sponsor a Captain Bob's plate sale from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 behind Advance Auto.

Plates are \$8 each.

**NOTICE OF NONPARTISAN MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TOWN OF WINDSOR, NORTH CAROLINA**

A Nonpartisan Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 in the Town of Windsor, North Carolina to vote on Mayor, two Town Commissioners and one Town Commissioner (Unexpired term). The polling place is Windsor Community Building; 201 S. Queen St., Windsor, NC. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Absentee ballots are allowed for TOWN of WINDSOR residents. Requests for an absentee ballot must be made on a State Board of Elections Absentee Request and received in the Bertie County Board of Elections office or the one-stop early voting site by 5:00 PM on Tuesday – October 31, 2017. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Bertie County Board of Elections by 5:00 p.m. on Election Day.

One Stop Absentee voting for TOWN of WINDSOR residents ONLY will be held at the Bertie County Board of Elections, 210 W. Watson St., Windsor, North Carolina on

Oct. 19th - Oct. 27th Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Oct. 30th - Nov. 3rd Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
November 4th Saturday: 8:30 AM to 1:00PM

The Board of Elections will meet on October 17, October 24, October 31, and November 6 at 5:00 PM; on November 17 at 10:00 AM; and other times as may be necessary for the purpose of approving absentee ballot applications. Canvass Day will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bertie County Board of Elections, 210 W. Watson St., Windsor, North Carolina.

All residents of the Town of Windsor who are registered to vote with the Bertie County Board of Elections may vote in this election. Those residents of the Town of Windsor who are not registered to vote must register on or before Friday – October 13, 2017, in order to be eligible to vote on Election Day. Voters who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote during one stop early voting only, and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence.

For additional information contact the Bertie County Board of Elections at (252) 794-5306.

Carol Woodard, Chairman
BERTIE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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How to defeat self destruction

Have you ever heard that you were your own worst enemy?

Paul writes of feeling that way in Romans 7. In Romans 8, he writes his own 7-step plan for defeating self-destruction. The steps are: 1. Remind yourself daily what Jesus did for you; 2, Ask the Holy Spirit to give you better thoughts; 3. Realize you have the ability to say no; 4. Turn your thoughts to God whenever you are afraid; 5. Focus on the long-term; 6. Remind yourself God is good and in control; and 7, Trust that God will never stop loving you. Paul writes that there are 3 enemies to life and peace: the world around you; Satan coming after you; and the battle between your old nature and your new nature within you. You may ask, how can I be set free from me? Paul asked, "who will save me from me?" He realized most of his unhappiness in life was because he listened to himself rather than to God. What about you? Can you benefit from the seven mental habits Paul shares with us in Romans 8? Many bible scholars agree that Romans 8 is the most important chapter in the Christian bible to born again Christians.

Remind yourself daily what Jesus did for you. Ask yourself "what is salvation?" and "what are the benefits of knowing Jesus Christ?" Romans 8:1 reads there is no condemnation for those who know Jesus Christ.... To be free from "me" you have to remind yourself what Jesus did for you. Jesus was hung on the cross for you to be free of your hang ups.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you better thoughts. The mindset of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to

"This is the day the Lord has made."

- PSALM 118:24



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God's law. You have to ask for life and peace. Life and peace won't find you until you ask for it, search for it, work for it, and willingly receive it.

Realize you have the ability to say no. Romans 8:12 says "we are not obligated to the flesh to live according to the flesh." Galatians 5:16 admonishes "let the Spirit direct your life...." You will never be free from self-destruction until you decide not to self-destruct. Ask God for the wisdom and the strength to say no.

Turn your thoughts to God whenever you are afraid. Romans 8:14-16 says "the Spirit makes you God's child...." 2 Timothy 1-17 tells us to have "a spirit of power, love, and self-control...." You will have your old nature and your new Christian nature with you always.

When you feed your new nature, it will win the battle against self-destruction and despair going on within you. Pray, "God, help me fight my invisible war within me."

Focus on the long term, not the short term. A study at Harvard University concluded the more long-term your thinking is, the more successful you will be.

Eternity is long-term thinking by Christians. The flesh thirsts and hungers for immediate gratification.

The Holy Spirit blesses us

with life and peace and through delayed gratification we lay up treasures for eternity and share in his glory. Romans 8:17 promises "we are heirs of God....we may also share in his glory."

Remind yourself God is good and in control. Romans 8:28 states "God works for the good of those who love him...." Remind yourself that God is a good god, and he is in control.

Pray "Lord, get me out of the way of the solutions to my problems. Intercede for me to keep me from self-destructing. I stand in the way of right and good. You work for the good in all things. I trust you Lord. I am leaning on your everlasting love."

Trust God will never stop loving you. Romans 8:38-39 promises "nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God." He gave his only begotten son that you may have everlasting life. God never stops loving a child of God. Once you have salvation, God is not letting you go.

God's everlasting love sets you free from your self-destructive behavior.

Get serious about changing your heart and commit to edify others, testify Jesus Christ, and glorify God. When you change yourself, you can help change others.

You can change the world around you, put Satan behind you, and win the invisible battle within you by practicing the seven mental habits in Romans 8. God bless you.

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Take a Lesson

It never ceases to amaze me how simply and yet how powerfully the Bible presents practical truths to live by.

One such illustration is the example of the ant that is profiled in the book of Proverbs chapter 6. In verse 6 we are told to "take a lesson from the ants and become wise."

Of all the things God could have chosen to teach us from, here he uses an ant! Most of the time our encounters with ants are in a negative sense. They may have invaded our homes or crashed our picnic in an attempt to heist our food! I can't think of a single time when I considered an ant encounter as a positive event.

However, God in His wisdom chose to give us some practical instruction using this otherwise overlooked insect. Let's examine five of these points so we can "take a lesson and become wise."

Ants are not lazy and neither should we be. The principle of "you reap what you sow" applies to every aspect of our lives. No sowing, no reaping. While it is true that we depend on God for everything, he has given us the

"Be still and know that I am God."

- PSALM 46:10



PASTOR JAY RIVENBARK

physical and intellectual ability to work and provide for our practical needs.

We should learn a lesson from others. Although it is good to learn from our own mistakes, how much better to learn from the life of others. Everyone and everything presents an opportunity from which to learn something, even an ant.

Just do what needs to be done! In verse 7 we are told the ant has no prince, governor or ruler to make them work.

They go about their day simply doing what needs to be done. Procrastination is a dangerous trait to practice. Nike has a slogan, "Just Do It." How much more productive we would be if we adopted that attitude.

Plan Ahead. Verse 8 says, they labor hard all summer gathering

food for the winter.

Responsibility requires us to think and to plan beyond the moment. What we do today affects tomorrow.

There are consequences for Irresponsibility. Verse 8 asks the question, "How long will you sleep?" Sleep is essential for our bodies and minds, but in excess sleep becomes an enemy to our lives.

Any good and necessary thing can become a hindrance, a detriment, or a stumbling block if done in excess and causes our priorities to be out of order. Verse 11 warns that poverty and scarcity will attack you like an armed robber. The consequences for irresponsibility are sudden, severe and sure. Whether in the areas of our health, our relationships, our finances or our spiritual walk with God, we can suffer great loss if we don't learn these simple lessons from the ant. The next time you see an ant, "take a lesson and become wise."

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Bible Trivia

BY WILSON CASEY

1. Is the book of Cornelius in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. What were Gihon, Pison, Tigris and Euphrates as connected with the Garden of Eden? Cities, Kings, Rivers, Caves

3. In the sight of the Lord, how many years are but as yesterday when it is past? 10, 100, 500, 1,000
4. From 1 Kings, who is given credit for writing 1,005 songs? Jacob, Solomon, Philip, David

5. In Acts 13, where were Paul and Barnabas deserted by Mark? Jericho, Perga, Athens, Damascus
6. From Psalms 147, what did God giveth snow like? Praise, Outcasts, Wool, Clouds

ANSWERS: 1) Neither; 2) Rivers; 3) 1,000; 4) Solomon; 5) Perga; 6) Wool
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