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**HOT SPRINGS**

The ladies of the Baptist WMU will hold a bake sale in the Citizens Bank Saturday, Sept. 15, beginning at 9:30 a. m. There will be homemade cakes, pies, cookies and candy. Anyone who would like to place an order for a special kind of cake or pie, please contact Mrs. Mona Swan or Mrs. E. B. Sumerel.

Mr. Alfred Maney and son, Dickie, of Oak Ridge, Tenn., visited Mrs. Roy Maney last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gentry of Graycourt, S. C., have been visiting Mr. Gentry's mother, Mrs. Alfred Gentry.

The Baptist WMU met at the home of Mrs. Betty Ellsworth last Friday night. Twelve members were present. After the business meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Treadway had as their guests last weekend Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Treadway and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loveday and Mrs. Priscilla Tickle and daughters, all of Knoxville and Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Holder of Asheville visited Mr. Holder's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Holder, last weekend.

Mrs. Hardy Woody is a patient

**Revival At Flag Branch To Start September 17**

A revival meeting will begin at the Flag Branch Church of God Monday night, Sept. 17 with the Rev. Norvel Peek, of Murphy, as the evangelist. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. Good inspirational singing will be enjoyed in each service. You are urged to attend and hear this young evangelist preach.

Remember, if you are a sinner, you need the church. If you are a Christian, the church needs you. A stranger is a friend we have never met.

The church is located about 11 miles south of Greenville on the old Asheville highway.  
REV. MORGAN DAVIS, pastor.

in an Asheville hospital at this time. Her many friends here hope she will soon be well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves Ricker and daughter, Janice, of Brevard, spent the weekend here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burgin and daughter, Linda, visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Painter, of Sylva, last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fowler visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hazelwood in Newport, Tenn., Monday.

**International Sunday School Lesson**

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**CHRIST SPEAKS TO HIS CHURCHES**

Memory Selection: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he will with me." — Revelation 3:20.

Lesson Text: Revelation 1:9-11, 17-18; 3:14-21.

For the last three Sundays of September we are to have a study taken from the book of Revelation, a book which is hard for the average student of the Bible to understand, but which, for this very reason, should challenge one to deep and concentrated study.

In one sense, the book of Revelation is a letter — sent to the Christians in Asia Minor. However, it differs from every other book in that it unfolds the future from the particular angle of God's interference with the forces of wickedness. A study of the book will reveal that it deals with the future; that the future is controlled by God alone; that history moves in cycles; that clashes occur between hostile forces; that symbols, imagery, figures and angels are often used and referred to; and that righteousness will triumph eventually over evil.

John, the beloved apostle, is the author of this book. At the time of his wonderful vision of Christ, he is supposed to have been a prisoner on the "isle that is called Patmos" (Rev. 1:9). His purpose in writing this book was to encourage the Christians to hold fast to their faith and, according to Dr. A. T. Robertson, "The object of the whole book is to lead to hope, courage and holy living."

The seven churches to which the letter is directed were all located in the pro-consular province of Asia, and are named by John in a geographical circle, beginning with his own home city of Ephesus, going north to Smyrna and Pergamos, southeast to Thyrtira, then south to Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea.

The first chapter of the Book of Revelation may be divided into four divisions. In verses 4-8, we have John's own description of the Christ he knew. This, in turn, may be divided into three parts: The Christ of the Past as the Faithful Witness and the First-born from among the dead; the Christ of the Present who Loveth Us, hath Loosed us and Made us Royal Priests; and then The Christ of the Future, the Ruler of the Kings of the Earth who some Day is Coming with Clouds and Great Glory.

So overcome was John with the glory of the living Saviour it is no wonder that he "fell at his feet as dead." But the gentle words of Jesus and his tender touch, reassured John and encouraged him. Jesus reaffirmed his eternal and unchangeable nature, his victory over death, his universal majesty and authority, and his control of all destiny in having the keys of hell and of death.

J. F. Hart declares: "Deliverance from fear is found in Christ. First, in who He is, the first and the last. Second, in His victory over death. He was dead and is alive forevermore. And, finally, the fact that He alone has control of the future — the keys of death and Hades. In the last two verses 'each church is thought of as having its individuality, its corporate unity, expressed by the thought of a representative angel in Christ's very presence.'"

For our consideration this week, we have only the letter which was written to the church at Laodicea. Not one word of praise is contained in the letter, and much of the condemnation is applicable to most of our churches today. The Christians at Laodicea were lukewarm — neither cold nor hot. They were self-satisfied, thinking themselves to be rich in the spirit, when, as a matter of fact, they were poverty-stricken as far as true spiritual warmth was concerned. Lukewarmness, tepidity, and indifference toward the Saviour is classified the same as denial and opposition.

These Christians were not open, flagrant sinners. They were not antagonistic to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Their sin was just veiled self — they had not their

**Mrs. Cora Banks Passes Sunday; Rites Held Tuesday**

Mrs. Cora Banks, 78, of Marshall, died Sunday, September 10, 1956 at 1 p. m., at her home after a long illness.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the Marshall Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Warren Reese, the Rev. J. B. Brigman and the Rev. D. D. Gross officiated and burial was in the Ball Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Plato Worley, Vader Shelton, Charles Parris, Howard Reese, Ray Roberts and Fleet Nix.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. J. L. McElroy, Dr. W. A. Sams, Dr. John McLeod, Dr. William Powell, C. D. Bowman and Robert Davis.

Surviving are two brothers, Horace and Walter, both of Lexington; a sister, Mrs. Alice Bryan of Marshall; a son, Howard of Hickory; and three grandchildren. Bowman-Rector Funeral Home was in charge.

The beaver is the largest rodent in North America, and the second largest rodent in the world. (The kapybara ranks first.)

first glowing enthusiasm. They had evidently set up a sort of formalistic religion which had little meaning for them. There was no zeal and, consequently, no vision.

The letter, however, closes on a note of admonition. There was still hope for the church! If the lukewarm church would just "get hot," it could receive divine approval. "Be zealous, therefore, and repent." Jesus told them to turn to him for "true riches" and for the clothing of righteousness to cover the shame of their spiritual nakedness, and to seek the anointing of the Holy Spirit that would enable them to really see.

He closed his appeal to this church by picturing himself, standing at the door of their hearts, knocking. He offered to come in to join them in holy fellowship — but only if they would unlock the door and invite Him in.

**Today's Devotion**



**The Upper Room**

Read 1 John 2:1-6  
He who says he abides in him (Jesus Christ) ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. (1 John 2:6 RSV.)

During the summer of 1953, I led one of several youth caravan teams as an adult counselor. Each team was made up of four young people and a counselor. All underwent intensive training. Then they went out to help strengthen the youth program in local churches and to give a clear vision of the Christian's responsibility to God and to others. One place we visited was Puerto Rivas, in the province of Bataan.

During our community service workshop, we and the young people of the town went out in our working clothes to open the ditches along the streets. These ditches were breeding places for mosquitoes. People in the community were greatly surprised to learn that we were not being paid any money for the civic work. Asked why we were doing it, we told them we were doing it in the spirit of Christ.

Later on, they themselves began to seek Christ. We did not preach the gospel in so many words or sermons, but with their eyes they saw it proclaimed in our actions. Thus some were won to Christ.

**PRAYER**  
Teach us, O FATHER, to love Thee more and more. May we show our love for Thee by doing and living in accordance with Thy will. Through our lives help others to know and accept Thee as their personal Saviour. In His name. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
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**SHELTON LAUREL**

Those visiting Mrs. Rathie Hensley Sunday afternoon were the following:

Mrs. Mettie Cutshall, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franklin, Dallas and Joe Ann, Mr. and Mrs. Dillion Franklin, Mrs. Everett Haynie, Miss Dicie and Lucille Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. Jancec Franklin, Rickey and Brenda Franklin, Mike Haynie and Etta Stanton.

Mrs. Hensley, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmas Banks, Mrs. Pauline Ramsey and Mrs. Josie Ledford visited their sister, Mrs. Jancec Franklin and family Thursday. They also visited their brother, Luckie Banks and baby, Linda, in the afternoon.

Mrs. Sindia Cutshall, who has been on the sick list for some time, is improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolford Franklin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Franklin Sunday afternoon.

Miss Miriam Ledford spent the Labor Day holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ledford. Mr. Hardwick Ledford has been in Virginia for the past week doing carpentry work for his brother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar

Christlike living.  
—La Verne Di. Mercado, Counselor (Philippines).

**Poetry Corner**

Contributed by  
\* Edith Deaderick Erskine \*

OMISSION  
Not what we do—  
What we don't do;  
Not what we have—  
What we have not  
Creeps stealthily on us,  
Weeps in our hearts.  
EDITH DEADERICK ERSKINE  
Weaverville, N. C.

**Ponders Chapel To Have All-Day Meeting Sunday**

There will be an all-day meeting at Ponders Chapel Baptist Church on Hayes Run Sunday, September 16, beginning at 11:00 a. m. Dinner will be served at 1:00 o'clock.

The pastor and the choir from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Concord will be in charge of the service at three o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cutshall in August, a daughter. Mrs. Bulie Johnson and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Jancec Franklin and family last week. People in this section are getting along fine with their tobacco cutting.



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