

Calendar Of Church Events

Walnut Methodist To Hold Homecoming

Homecoming services will be held at the Walnut United Methodist Church on Sunday, Aug. 14. Sunday school will be held at 10 a.m. and Dr. Joseph M. Reeves will preach at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served on the church grounds and there will be special singing in the afternoon.

Dr. Reeves is a native of Walnut, and served the Marshall-Walnut charge as a student pastor during the late 1950s and early 1960s. He has served as pastor of St. Timothy's Methodist Church in Brevard, Christ United Methodist Church in Charlotte, First United Methodist Church in Elkin and is presently pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Shelby, N.C. He is a graduate of Mars Hill College, The University of Tennessee and Duke Divinity School. He received his doctorate from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, in 1982. He is the son of Mrs. A.S. Reeves of Walnut. Dr. Reeves and his wife Betty have two sons, Stack and Shawn.

Rev. Jack Jones, pastor of the church, invites all former members and friends of the church to join in these homecoming services. The church will be celebrating its 145th anniversary.

Saturday Night Singing Set

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Griffin Family Reunion

The Griffin reunion will be held at Mars Hill Elementary School lunchroom on Aug. 28. Come early and leave late. Lunch will be served at 1 p.m. Bring covered dish.

Coates Family Reunion

The Thad and Nola Arrington Coates family reunion will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14, at 11 a.m. at the Reems Creek Wildlife Club off Reems Creek Road near Weaverville.

Dorland-Bell Homecoming

The annual Dorland-Bell School Homecoming Weekend will be held August 13 and 14 at the Dorland Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hot Springs. Sunday lunch will be covered dish. For additional information, contact Mrs. Mary Gahagan, at 622-7169.

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Republican judge Jimmy Willis.
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In Sandy Mush, (Township 9), Blanche Wallin has been selected as registrar. Cleone King has been named as Democratic judge. No Republican judge has been named at this time.
In Grapevine (Township 10), Elsberry Wyatt will serve as the registrar. Patsy Hangle will serve as the Democratic judge and Terry Arrington will serve as the Republican judge.



One day I looked out of my windows and wondered, "Why don't our neighbors wash their dirty windows?" But when I washed our windows, I saw that their windows were clean. Now when I am tempted to criticize others, I ask, "Am I looking through my dirty windows?" Our Lord said, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged." Criticism is a bludgeon and a boomerang. If we judge, we will be judged: By whom? Our Father in heaven and our fellows on earth. So only the faultless has a right to look for faults in others. We have enough to correct in our lives without seeking to correct the lives of others. Our Lord said, "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?" It is only as the Spirit of Christ dominates us that the spirit of criticism will depart from us.

Carl Edwards To Be Honored

Carl Edwards of Route 1, Mars Hill, will be honored with an open house Sunday, Aug. 14 from 2-4 p.m. at Gabriels Creek Baptist Church fellowship hall in celebration of his 90th birthday. This open house will be given by his family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards of Mars Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edwards of Oak Ridge, Tenn.



Fire

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"almost since the town was founded," said the company still has a lot of trouble raising enough money. Even with tax money from the town and fund-raisers by the auxiliary under Helen Ponder, he said, the company will be hard-pressed to replace its one old truck. The company has no beepers and no two-way radio on the truck, he said. The \$15,000 the company expects to get from the new funding will help with these problems, he said, but not entirely solve them.

And even the Marshall fire company, which gets money from the town and from the Smoky Mountain Fire Tax District in an area about four miles around the town, raises funds with a barbecue and the annual carnival and rodeo, plus donations — and is still hard-pressed for funding. A new truck on order will arrive in parts, with several members of the 26-member department volunteering to assemble it as a cost-saving measure. This way, Marshall's \$15,000 share of the new funding will largely go to pay for the new truck. The 25-member Mars Hill department, which gets \$20,000 annually from the town, \$1,500 from the county and \$1,500 from the college and raises funds through its annual auto show, is the only company that has been able to order a firetruck to be built to specifications for mountain fire-fighters. The truck will cost \$118,000.



CAROL ANDERSON, Hot Springs Fire Chief, left and Hot Springs mayor Debbie Ponder Baker, center accept check from Speaker of the House Liston Ramsey.

With money so tight, new companies in Laurel and Spring Creek have resorted to some creative use of resources. Laurel's Chief Cuthshall tells how last year Jim Anders donated use of two and a half acres on which firemen raised a tobacco crop, and this year Jim Plemmons has donated the use of two acres. Proceeds went for a new 82-ton truck with a tank built at cost by Apple Stove. The tank and a makeshift pump were installed by volunteers. The 10 men and five women in the department have managed to get timber from the government — and, with their \$15,000 grant, plan to start work on a fire house. Meanwhile, over in Spring Creek, the 25 West Madison volunteers have been operating with a truck put together from usable parts from two Army surplus trucks, and two out-dated trucks given by Beaverdam and West Buncombe departments. The department has also raised money through a revival, bingo and a matching U.S. Forest Service grant, plus materials and labor for the firehouse. Its \$40,000 grant, largest in the county, will go toward a new firetruck, says Chief Bobby Clark. When Marshall, Mars Hill and West Madison get their new trucks, response will be improved substantially in all parts of the county. The new Mars Hill truck will better serve such areas as Wolf Laurel; the new Marshall truck will be able to get over the gap to Hot Springs faster to serve as backup to Hot Springs, and West Madison's truck won't break down on its way to a fire as the present truck does. The grants will also yield other long-term benefits. Because Marshall won't have to pay off debt on its new truck, it can focus on its next goal; a firehouse on the bypass, from which response will be mostly downhill instead of consistently uphill as at present. All officials agreed that the concept of satellite companies must be developed. Places that get fire companies started, said one official, are "the ones that have spirit — the ones where the people all work together. You have to admire that."

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