

# RELIGION

## Missionary Union meets Sept. 22 at Rock Hill

The Hoke County Missionary Union will hold its annual session September 22 at 2:30 in Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

The Annie Y. McKinnon Scholarship recipients will be recognized at this session.

Hoke County Union consists of Missionary Baptist churches and any Missionary Baptist church may join. All meetings and sessions are open to the public and visitors are encouraged to attend.

The Hoke County Missionary Union sessions rotate among the various churches.

### Ephesus Baptist revival

Ephesus Baptist Church, 4750 Arabia Road, will hold a revival Sunday, September 22 through Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. each night. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Moore. For directions or information,



Jan Pettey will perform at a gospel fest planned for this coming Saturday

call Pastor Wayne Sanderson at 424-3802.

### Remembering 9-11

On Sunday, September 8, Raeford

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMC, like United Methodist churches across the United States, will be remembering the events of September 11, 2001. The 11 a.m. service will be a celebration of the Lord's presence on that day and since. There will be a patriotic theme on that Sunday. If you are not attending a church, you are warmly invited to share this Sunday with them.

### Awana celebration

Tabernacle Baptist Church will host an Awana Registration Celebration on Sunday, September 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be ice cream, hot dogs, games, and fun. All children, youth and parents are invited to register for Awana. The church is located at Rockfish at 3219 Lindsay Road. For more information, call 875-2825.

Awana is an evangelism and discipleship program for children and youth. Awana stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed and is taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. The Awana club at Tabernacle Baptist Church will begin Sunday, September 22 and will be each Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. for inquiries, call Pastor Patrick Wood at 875-2825.

### New True Believers celebrate anniversary

The Rev. Curtis and the New True Believers of Raeford will celebrate their fifth anniversary Saturday, November 2 at J.W. Turlington School. The doors open at 5 p.m. with the program beginning at 6. Advance admission is \$14 and \$16 at the door. Children 6-12 pay \$6 at the door.

Special guests will be Keith "Wonder Boy" Johnson and the Spiritual Voices of Brooklyn, New York; New Beginning featuring Damon Little of Baltimore, Maryland; The Hebrewettes of Fayetteville; and Bobby Clark Sr. and the Gospelators and the Knights of Harmony, both of Laurinburg; and The New Rolling Travelers of Apex. The Revivalares of Asheboro will open the show.

Tickets are on sale at Radio Station WMAF 1400 AM; Elwood Barber Shop; Wilson Barber Shop and Donnie's Beauty Salon.

### Word of Life plans

Every fifth Sunday is observed at Youth Day at Word of Life Temple, 1988 Fayetteville Road. The youth are in charge of the service and the morning sermon is a topic that concerns them.

Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m., the New Members Committee of Word of Life will sponsor a service. Dr. Barry O. Schaffner and members of Buffalo Springs Baptist Church will be in charge.

The Women Reaching Out Ministry will sponsor their annual Women's Conference September 20-22. The theme is "Women seeking a change that will remain." The service sched-

ule is: Friday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, September 21, 11 a.m.; Pastor Strander Allen of McCormick's Chapel Baptist Church will be the guest speaker. Brunch will be served following the Saturday morning service. On Sunday, September 22 at the 11 a.m. service, Pastor Gwendal Lee of Melbourne, Florida will be the guest speaker.

Word of Life's pastor Bishop Oscar Cunningham will be the guest speaker in a three-night revival (September 25-27 at 7:30 nightly) sponsored by Tabernacle of Praise, located on Steven Street in Raeford. The host pastor is Bishop Arnold McRae.

Minister Cornell Duncan will be the guest speaker at Christ Free Will Baptist Church Sunday, September 8 at 4 p.m.

### Gospel fest, talent show

A gospel fest and plate sale are being sponsored by The New True Believers at the library stage in downtown Raeford at 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, September 7.

There will be games and a talent show for youth. Singing, beginning at 3 p.m., will be by McLaughlin Chapel Male Choir, Four Real Gospel Artists, Jan Pettey, Center Grove M.B. Church Male Choir, Southern Bells, Sister Kathryn Fennell, Big Red 'n' the Spiritual Notes, Rev. Curtis 'n' the New True Believers, J.L. Glenn Singers, Appointed II Ministries (dance), Blessed Foundation, Leach Springs Male Choir, Full Gospel Singers and Warriors for Christ.

### Preschool openings

The Raeford United Methodist Church is taking applications for next year's preschool. There are openings for three and four years olds. Call Jane Britt at 875-4398 for more information.

### Home Bible study

There is home Bible study Thursday nights at 7 p.m. at 7100 Phillip Church Road, Rockfish. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call 848-0190. Child care is provided.

### Single Mom's Night

Single Mom's Night takes place at the Chapel of Jesus Christ Family Worship Center, 2295 North Horace Walters Road, in the Five Points community every Tuesday night. A nursery is provided. For more information, call 875-8167 or 875-4419.

### Ministers, wives meet

The Raeford/Hoke Ministerial Association meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant.

The Hoke County Ministers Wives meet the last Saturday of each month at Edinborough Restaurant at 9:30 a.m. Wives of pastors (active or inactive) are welcome.

## Be thankful for the bad Even fleas have purpose

There is a difficult verse in the Bible that goes "in everything gives thanks" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). You see, most of us have no trouble giving thanks when everything is rolling along. When life is good, there are few problems and no setbacks. The problem however, is that this verse says "in everything." That means when the car breaks down, the AC goes out, our kids get in trouble, we get in trouble, money is tight, our health is not what we want it to be, etc, we are to give thanks.

Now my question is, why? I mean, when my car is being towed or on the hottest day of the year the parsonage AC goes out — I really don't feel like giving thanks! I would much rather fuss and fume! (Of course all that fussing and fuming doesn't fix anything and for that matter all my worrying and pouting doesn't help either, as Debbie is quick to remind me). But why should we give thanks when everything seems to be going wrong, when we are having a really "bad" day?

We "give thanks" because in doing so we are growing as a Christian. We give thanks because we are learning to trust God in every situation and finally we give thanks because in giving thanks we discover that even in the midst of problems God is bringing us blessings.

How is that possible? Because God is good all the time! And because giving thanks opens our hearts to God's peace in the middle of our storm. His love in the midst of our heartache and His grace in the midst of our stress. One of the things I have learned in my Christian walk is that when I look back I can see God in the midst of everything. I can see His blessings in things that I thought were trials and tribulations.

In fact, one of the best illustrations I have seen of that gospel truth was in a devotional several months ago. It's a true story concerning Corrie ten Boom. Corrie, until her death several years ago, was a wonderful Christian witness for the Lord.

In fact, her life story was portrayed in a Billy Graham movie entitled, "The Hiding Place."

Part of that story involves the arrest of herself and her entire family by the Gestapo for hiding Jews during World War II. Following the arrest, she and her family were sent to a Nazi concentration camp. That camp was filthy, but even worse there were fleas everywhere.

For a while Corrie struggled with giving thanks for the fleas even though her sister (who would die in the concentration camp) insisted that they should give thanks for everything, including those "blessed" fleas! That

## Pastor's Pen

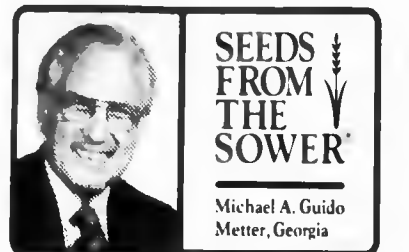
Rev. Richard Vaughan  
Raeford United Methodist Church

was really hard for Corrie to do until the day she realized how God had blessed them with those fleas because she suddenly realized that because of the fleas the guards did not come into their barracks to "bother the women" or to stop them from praying and signing hymns.

Corrie and her fellow women "prisoners" were free to worship the Lord and study the Bible because of those "blessed" fleas!

So how about you and me? What are some of the fleas in our lives? What are those things that are making it a bad day for you? What is it that is making you and I grumble and complain? Think about it, what are the "fleas" in your life (i.e. big difficulties and little annoyances)? Then take this moment and give thanks! Why? Because when we do you and I will be amazed at the sudden peace we find, at the amazing strength that comes, and even the wonderful wisdom that begins to fill our soul.

The next time you and I start to grumble and complain — let's remember God's fleas and give thanks. Amen! Amen!



"A driver wondered, 'Why's that truck following me so closely?'"

He stopped his car and hurried to the truck, only to find it driverless. Then he remembered bumping into the truck when he backed up, and it hooked to the bumper of his car.

Mistakes of the past have a way of hooking onto your mind, don't they, and they won't let go.

A great man committed an awful sin. It was hooked to his mind and it haunted him. But he confessed it to the Lord. Then he cried, "He has removed our sins as far away from us as the east is from the west."

Hooked onto a miserable memory? Want forgiveness and freedom? Call on the Lord.

## Roll call for prayer

In light of the terrorist attacks of September 11 and responding military action, *The News-Journal* is compiling a prayer list for those service men and women who may be in harm's way or are just in need of our prayers at this critical time. We also think their families should be included in our special prayers.

Call in, e-mail, or fax the names of those you want to be included on the list so that their names may be published and the entire community can add their prayers to yours.

Include names, branch of service and the service person or person's connection to Raeford/Hoke County or their close family members. For security reasons, we are not including the rank and unit.

Our list so far includes:

A special request from a U.S. Air Force commander in Afghanistan — "We need Christians to pray, pray, pray. We're in a blood bath here! Please pray for God's protection of our troops and His wisdom for their commanders. Pass this on to as many as you think will respond."

Another special request is for the chaplains who "have been running ragged" in many capacities including officiating at the funerals of those killed in action.

### U.S. Army

Chuck LaMonte; Samuel Eden, husband of Yolanda Eden, son-in-law of Dorothy Cook; Anthony Cook, husband of Karen Cook, son of Dorothy Cook; Brian Wells, husband of Deane Dougherty Well; Thomas C. Wilson and Cathy Wilson, son and daughter-in-law of Pat Allen Wilson; Michael Sundborg, husband of Dawn Reynolds Sundborg and father of Ryan, Stephanie and Laura; Shelton Terry, Pam Terry and son Ira

McKeller, former Raeford residents; Karl Wilkie, son of Delmer and Juanita Wilkie Barefoot.

The following names are courtesy of Raeford Methodist Church:

Paul Sark, Mike Garry, Jeremy Henderson, Kelby Glass, Jenny Comley, John Woodard, Brian Smith, Brian Banks, Jack Parham, Stephan Tetreault, Chris Derepentigny, Jeff Melton, Frank Bird, Jason Gonzales, Norman Johnson, Johnny Meyer, Kirk Randolph, Davis Thigpen and David Joseph Blake.

### U.S. Air Force

Michael S. Frame, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Frame; Mac Langdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Langdon; Steven P. Knoll, husband of Rhonda G. Knoll and father of Josh; Steven Lovette and Jessica Lovette, son and daughter-in-law of Colin and Bobby Lovette; Neil Kellar, son of Patricia Kellar; Tony Mitchell, husband of Cathy; Mario Monroe, nephew of Mary Roper; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Matt McMenamin, James Henderson and Lester Davis.

### U.S. Navy

Ed Baker, son of Eddie and Mary Anne Baker; Randy McIntyre, son of Carolyn McIntyre; Larry Tyrelle McLeod, son of Mary Bronson McLeod, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bronson, brother of Cornelia McLeod; James W. Watson Jr., son of James and Linda Watson; Lewis Dees, son of Rachel Dees and the late Bill Dees; Jermaine Johnson, son of Derwin and Veronica Johnson; Clifford J. McNeill, son of Mac and Surrie McNeill; submitted by Raeford Methodist Church — Karl Rauch, Gabe Brazell, James Keith Jackson, Philip Ballard.

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Sign-In At Noon. Lunch Will Be Provided.  
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