

RELIGIOUS BRIEFS

Baptist Church To Mark Anniversary

United Faith Baptist Church of Ash will celebrate its anniversary this weekend.

A "pre-anniversary" program is planned Saturday, Aug. 3, at 8 p.m., led by the pastor, the Rev. Samuel Flowers. Guests will be Billy Hardee and The Soul Brothers, a gospel chorus from Washington, D.C., whose appearance is sponsored by Rose Bellamy of Washington, D.C., Miss Shining Star.

Sunday's daylong anniversary celebration begins at the 11 a.m. worship service following Sunday School at 10 a.m., said spokesman Barbara Williams.

The Rev. Washington M. Flowers, pastor of New Life Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., will be the guest speaker. He will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall, with the evening service starting at 3 p.m. Miss United, Mary Piggott, will be crowned at that service. Accompanying her will be past Miss Uniteds Zettie Price, Edna Gore and Christine Flowers, and Miss Shining Star Rose Bellamy, guest queen.

Teens To Retreat

Lighthouse Mission Church of

Calabash will hold a "Teen Retreat" Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The retreat is for boys and girls ages 12 to 17. A \$1 donation for lunch is requested but not required.

To register, call the pastor, Larry Ward, at 579-6762.

Anniversary Planned

A Youth Choir anniversary program, sponsored by the Rev. James L. Smith Sr. and the Pleasant View Missionary Baptist Church of Grissetown, will be held at the church Sunday, Aug. 4, at 3:45 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Hezekiah Reaves Jr. will be ordained.

The public is invited to attend.

VBS Slated

Village Point United Methodist Church at Shallotte Point will hold Vacation Bible School Aug. 5-9, with all ages invited to participate.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., said spokesman Patty Jones, with refreshments each day.

Crafts made by Bible School students will be on display at the church Sunday, Aug. 11.

Gospel Music Planned

Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church will hold a gospel program Saturday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m., with Pastor Raymond McLeod officiating.

The program is sponsored by Pearl Hannah. Everyone is invited, a spokesman indicated.

Gospel Sing Set

The Browns, a gospel group from Wallace, will be featured at a gospel sing Sunday, Aug. 4, at 6 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church, said spokesman Effie Evans.

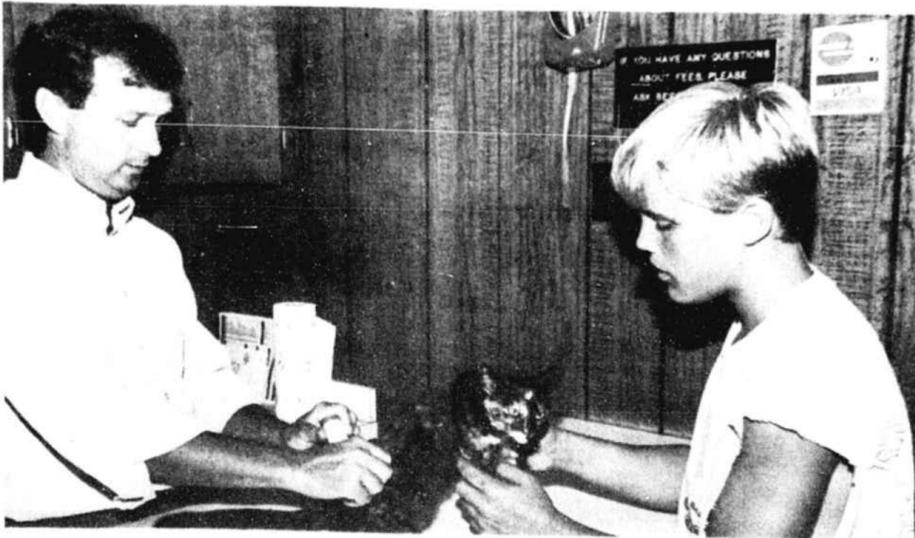
The Rev. Russell Hewitt, pastor, invites the public. The church is located on Holden Beach Road (N.C. 130 East).

Crowder At Chapel

The Rev. Dr. Richard Crowder, a United Methodist minister from Archdale, is the pastor of the week at the Holden Beach Chapel.

He will preach the 11 a.m. worship service at the chapel Sunday, Aug. 4. The service is preceded by Sunday School at 10 a.m.

The nondenominational chapel is located on Rothschild Street, Holden Beach.



VETERINARIAN BILL RABON tends to Squeaker, a cat owned by Chris Fulwood, right, of Shallotte. Rabon says North Carolina's pet vaccination program has helped prevent the spread of rabies into Brunswick County.

Health Officials Warn Owners To Protect Pets From Rabies

BY TERRY POPE

Two years ago, two cats were found playing with a bat on the front porch of a Brunswick County home.

Fearing the bat might have rabies, the owner called veterinarian Bill Rabon, who sent the bat to Raleigh to be tested.

"It was rabid," said Rabon. "One cat had not been vaccinated, so it had to be destroyed."

Rabies is not uncommon in bats, but it is in most other animals. When news spread last week that a rabid fox had bitten a child in Pasquotank County, it sent a signal to area veterinarians that a possible outbreak could occur here.

"Rabies seems to break out in pockets," said Rabon. "When it does break out, it tends to stay there a while. The mid-Atlantic states have been a pocket for quite a while."

In 1982, at the peak of a rabies epidemic in Virginia, state officials there found rabies in 645 raccoons. Each year the disease has spread to more counties and has migrated to neighboring states.

The good news, said Rabon, is that North Carolina has a good pet vaccination program that residents should take advantage of. Pets can be protected from the disease with a simple vaccine shot given through Brunswick County's Animal Control rabies clinics or by local veterinarians.

Cats and dogs can be vaccinated after they are four months old. Once they are six months old, state law requires it. After the second yearly shot, a vaccine is needed every three years.

"We're way beyond other states in vaccinating our animals," Rabon said. "If 70 percent of our dogs and

cats are vaccinated, then rabies will not come into Brunswick County through our pet population."

Rabon, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Health, said he doesn't know what percentage of local pets have been vaccinated. But news that rabies has been found in foxes and bats in North Carolina should make pet owners think twice about waiting to have their pets vaccinated, he said.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the central nervous system. It is spread from animals through their saliva, which must enter a person through a skin puncture or animal bite. Even in a dead animal, the virus can live for 24 hours.

"Because our wild animal population does not recognize state line boundaries," said Rita Hatcher, public health educator with the Brunswick County Health Department, "people in Brunswick County need to vaccinate their animals, to avoid any fatalities."

The disease has also been reported in South Carolina, she said.

Rabies is fatal in animals and can be fatal in humans. The risk of being bitten by a rabid animal is 300 times greater for a veterinarian than for an average pet owner, said Rabon. That's why animal workers also take vaccines against the disease.

Jill Caison, a veterinarian assistant and local wildlife animal rehabilitator, was bitten on the hand several times by a bat that got away. She had taken the vaccine shots against the disease.

"I only had to take two treatment shots," said Ms. Caison, "because I had been vaccinated previously."

Others believed bitten by a rabid animal must take up to five treatment shots at \$72 each, said Rabon.

Hunters often help bring the disease to communities by transporting in wildlife from other areas. If foxes, raccoons or other wildlife act as if they're not afraid of humans, they are likely carriers of the disease, said Dr. Jim Rabon, veterinarian.

"Cats have been known to run themselves to death after getting the disease," he said.

Dogs can die from hydration, he said.

"Even if the animal has been vaccinated and is bitten, it should be quarantined and vaccinated again," said Jim Rabon. An unvaccinated animal that has been bitten by a rabid animal should be destroyed, he added.

Symptoms of rabid animals include excessive salivating, chewing on wood, mood changes, fear of light and overly aggressive behavior. Those signs may be present from two to three days after the pet has been infected, or from two to three months, Rabon said, because the virus must travel up the animal's nervous system to the brain.

Also, a normally vicious dog may become cowardly, he said.

People should be cautious of trying to make pets out of wildlife, said Bill Rabon.

"The rule of thumb is not to touch wildlife," said Rabon. "If you can, don't. Leave it alone, because they are likely carriers of rabies."

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

Ocean View Union Slates Aug. 3 Picnic

BY BARBARA T. HEWETT

Pack a picnic basket with a dessert, cups, plates and napkins and join members of Ocean View's 14 churches for the Ocean View Union picnic Saturday, Aug. 3, starting at 10 a.m. at Waccamaw Township Park at Ash.

The youth department is sponsoring the annual event. The church with the most members present will

be recognized.

Grissett Cited

Maria Grissett is the youth of the month for July, selected by the youth department at Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church for her dedication to the mission program. She has written a proposed program for helping motivate young people to become more involved in church activities.

She is the daughter of Buddy Grissett and granddaughter of the late Harry and Nina Grissett.

Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to Rosa Mae Gause, Julia Brown, Stacie Hill,

Kevin Johnson, Monekia Gause, Lisa Sowell, Maria Hewett, Charlene Timmings and John and Cynthia Gore.

Tune In

Be sure to listen to WVCB (1410 AM) in Shallotte for the Cedar Grove Area News Thursdays at 3 p.m. and Saturdays at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday evenings listen for the Moments of Inspiration gospel music program.

Weekly Scripture

The Scripture of the week comes from Philipians 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."



HEWETT

Deaths And Funerals

WILLIAM NESBY KING

William Nesby King, 82, of Leland, died July 24 at his residence.

The funeral was held July 26 in Ash Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Garland Long officiating. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery, Ash.

Survivors include five sons, Edward S. King of Whiteville, William Tom King of Bolivia and Douglas McArthur King, Robert King and Ronnie D. King, all of Leland; four daughters, Rosie Evans of Ash,

Annie Ezzell of Clarkton, Blanche Parton of Wilmington and Carolyn Faye Danford of Maynardville, Tenn.; four brothers, Talmer King and Newman King, both of Ash, Edgar King of Wilmington and Malcolm King of Sunset Beach; 24 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

JAMIE YATES

Jamie Yates, 31, of Route 1, Winnabow died July 23 at his residence.

The funeral was held July 28 in the Coble Ward-Smith Funeral Service Chapel with the Rev. Thurman W. Allred officiating.

Survivors include his mother, Dollie Malpass and her husband, Wade, of Winnabow; one brother, Rickey Mitchell of Winnabow; one sister, Rhonda Isenberg of Wilson; one stepister, Tammy Simmons of Leland; and several nieces and nephews.

Seaside United Methodist Church
 9:00 AM Worship Service & Sunday School
 10:00-10:30 AM Fellowship
 10:30 AM Worship Service
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 Dr. Francis M. Womack, Fr., Minister
 Casual Dress
SUNDAY BEACH SERVICE
SUNSET BEACH
 (East of fishing Pier)
8:00 AM

St. Luke Lutheran Church
 Worship Service Sunday, 10:00 A.M.
 Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
 Meeting In Shallotte Middle School
754-7816
 Pastor Donald R. Saffrit

ATTENTION
 Old-fashioned gospel tent meeting August 18, for the starting of an independent Baptist Church, with a doctrine like Oliver Green and Dr. Harold Sattler. All interested parties should call 842-2115 or 842-8627 for location and details.

The Family Of Julia (Scooter) Evans
 wishes to thank everyone for all the cards, letters, food and the many, many flowers.
 Your prayers and thoughts have touched us all very deeply. We know how much everyone loves Scooter. She will always be extra special in all of our hearts.
 Again, thank you!

My Daddy
 I'd like to share my thoughts with you about a very special Dad, whom I love so dearly, the best one I could've had.
 Now most folks knew this man, lovingly as "Skinner." Why, in my book, he'll always be especially a winner.
 Most folks said he had the patience of Job. And one day we'll meet again, adorned in his white robe.
 He never believed in speaking evil about others as bad, and I'm trying to carry out this legacy of my Dad.
 He liked to laugh and joke and wear that "Varnam" smile, while making you feel good and happy all the while.
 And even though, in this life, he didn't have riches untold, he left me with memories, more precious than gold.
 In loving memory of Johnie "Skinner" Varnam from his daughter, Judy Lewis

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Card of Thanks
 The family of the late Johnie M. Varnam would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone for their kindness—for flowers, cards, food, calls and prayers.
 Special thanks also to Coastline Rescue Squad for all their help.
 The Family of Johnie M. Varnam

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