



MR. AND MRS. GREG McDOWELL.  
...Natalie Bell

## Bell, McDowell Exchange Vows At Town Creek Baptist

Natalie Bell and Greg McDowell were married Saturday, Feb. 29, at 2 p.m. at Town Creek Baptist Church near Winnabow.

The Rev. V.C. Potter officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus (Mack) Bell of Winnabow.

The groom is the son of Robert McDowell of Bolivia and Cathy McDowell of Long Beach.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father. She wore a formal white gown of bridal satin with a sabrina neckline and leg-of-mutton sleeves. Appliques of sequins and seed pearls embellished the gown and the attached chapel train, which also featured a large bow at the waist.

She carried a bride's Bible with Lavande purple roses, phalaenopsis orchids and babies' breath with white satin streamers.

Cyndi Lanier of Winnabow, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Tabitha Hickman of Winnabow served as maid of honor. Also attending the bride were Leslie Purvis of Nashville, Tenn., Shannon Maulsby of Winnabow and Chrissy McDowell of Long Beach, sister of the groom.

They wore identically-styled gowns by Shirley Cumbee of Winnabow that featured a sweetheart neckline and puffed sleeves, and a full skirt with rosettes at the waistline and with a graduated hemline.

They carried identical nosegays

of white Fuji chrysanthemums, purple irises, white daisies, pink miniature carnations, purple statice, pink astermeres and babies' breath.

The sanctuary was decorated with similar flowers, including Queen Anne's lace and green palms.

The groom's father served as best man. Groomsman were Jason McDowell of Long Beach, brother of the groom; Todd White and Jeff White of Bolivia, and Mitch Lanier of Winnabow.

Ashley Bell of Wilmington, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl. Cory Ward of Winnabow was ring bearer.

Music was provided by Becky Falor, pianist and flutist; Donna Long, organist; and Lori Bryant, vocalist.

Cheryl Maulsby of Winnabow directed.

After the ceremony the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the church fellowship hall.

A rehearsal dinner pig-picking was given by the groom's parents the evening before the wedding.

Other pre-nuptial events included a bridal luncheon given Feb. 22 by Susie Ward at The Pilot House in Wilmington; miscellaneous showers given by Nancy Hart of Wilmington, Linda Lanier of Winnabow, Penny McDowell of Bolivia; and a lingerie shower given by Cyndi Lanier of Winnabow.

Following a honeymoon trip to the North Carolina mountains, the couple will reside in Bolivia.



## Couple Weds At Myrtle Beach

Melissa Leigh Helms and Jeffrey Neil Mintz were married Friday, March 20, at the Myrtle Beach Wedding Chapel in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Helms of Holden Beach. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mintz of Shallotte and the grandson of Gladys Holden of Supply.

## Births Are Announced

### Ingram

Bill and Shannon Ingram of Ash have announced the birth of a son, Jerrod Colby Ingram.

Arriving March 15 at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, he weighed seven pounds, six and half ounces and measured 20 inches.

He joins a brother, John.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gurganus of Shallotte. Paternal grandparents are Billy Ingram of Ash and Faye P. Ingram of Whiteville.

### Savage

Michael Frank and Marilyn Smith Savage of Wilmington have announced the birth of their first child, Bianca Lynn, on March 10 at 4:26 p.m.

She weighed five pounds, seven ounces and was 18 3/4 inches in length.

Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Edward Smith of Ash, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kyger of Fort Myers, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Savage of Leland.

## Birthdays And Anniversaries

### Thursday, April 2

William Dale Holden, April Dowless, Robert Robinson, Johnnie Corbett, Jonathan Powers, Carol Carlisle, Matt Abbott; Robert and Barbara Stanley.

### Friday, April 3

Keith & Frances Harris, Del Smith, Carolyn Newton, Debra Hewett, Jeff Ferrell, Mazie B. Frink, Dirk Stanley, Lashonda Hill, Joe Piver, David Stanaland, Frank Lennon, Terrie Sellers, Tommy Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norman, Keith and Frances Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Boots Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Herbie Robinson.

### Saturday, April 4

Jessica Long, Eddie Swain, Charlene Stewart, Jessie Allen, Ken Newton Jr., Josephine Collins, Bobbie Ward, Del Smith, Chris Ellis, Thaddeus Evans, Hilda Inman, Michaela Miller, Betty Jo Edge; Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hewett.

### Sunday, April 5

Bridget Milliken, Cheryl McCumbee, Glenda Lowe, Susan Galloway, Elliott Reynolds, Doris Ben-

ton, Melody Benton; John and Christine Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Galloway, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rogers.

### Monday, April 6

Little Jerry Simmons, Corinna Campbell, Joanna Stanley, Nancy Roycroft, Holly Clemmons, April Mintz, Glenda Stanaland, Janie Steorts, Sylvia L. Tripp, Allyn Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Andresky.

### Tuesday, April 7

Matthew Edwards, David Bennett, Gerald Beck, Ronnie Holden, Alan Powell, Aggie Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. Hewett, Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Leonard, Mike and Gail Safrit.

### Wednesday, April 8

Terry Linkous, Gray Check, Kim Evans, Elizabeth Milligan, Walter Michael Sharp, Rinda Irving, Shirley Evans, Susie White, Tom Jones, Charlie Sligh, Ellen Sligh, Kelly Stanaland, Jerry Cheers, Kim Evans, Elizabeth Milligan, Joey Brooks; Druied & Pam Roberson, Mr. and Mrs. John Bulow.



## To Wed April 11

Yvonne S. and Earl R. Gett Jr. of Durham have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracie Dawn Gett, to James Barry Varnum of Durham, son of Talmadge Barry and Joan E. Varnum of Route 2, Supply. They plan an April 11 wedding at 1 p.m. at Mt. Bethel Presbyterian Church in Durham.

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