

Obituaries

THOMAS EDGAR HARRELL
 Funeral services for Thomas Edgar Harrell, 53, who died Jan. 17, were held Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by Dr. Garland Hendricks.
 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was played during the service by Mrs. Preston Morgan, organist.
 The casket pall was made of red carnations, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.
 Pallbearers were nephews, Joseph E. Harrell, Jack S. Harrell, Hubert Harrell, James R. Sanderlin, Wade Sanderlin and Gene Harrell.
 Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

RALPH C. MURRAY
 Funeral services for Ralph Claudine Murray, 84, who died Jan. 17, were held Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Milton Mann.
 "How Great Thou Art" and "The Old Rugged Cross" were played during the service by Mrs. Preston Morgan, organist.
 The casket pall was made of red and white carnations and baby's breath.
 Pallbearers were W.A. White, Edison Harris, Henry Stokes, Eldon Winslow, Cecil Edward Winslow and Henry Clay Sullivan.
 Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

MRS. MYRTLE L. REED
 Funeral services for Mrs. Myrtle Litchfield Reed, 91, who died Jan. 17, were held Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Hertford Baptist Church. The Rev. Charles Duling and Dr. Garland Hendricks officiated.
 The Doxology was sung by the congregation accompanied by Mrs. Larry Knox, organist.
 The casket pall was made of red carnations, white chrysanthemums and baby's breath.
 Pallbearers were Gene Perry, Hazel Matthews, Preston Nixon, Ray Hunter, Jimmy Hunter and James Hunter.
 Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery with Swindell Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

BEN F. TURNER
 Word has been received here of the death Monday of Ben E. Turner, 53, of Chesapeake, Va. He was the brother of Mrs. Lois Guth of Snug Harbor.
 Other survivors are his widow, Mrs. Marjorie Sawyer Turner; a daughter, Mrs. Lila James; two sons, Dean A. Turner, and Kenny R. Turner, all of Chesapeake, Va. Another sister, Mrs. Helen Swain of Columbia, N.C.; a brother, Clyde Sawyer of Dracut, Mass., and two grandchildren.
 Funeral services were held Wednesday.

Items From First Baptist

Sunday School will begin at Hertford First Baptist Church this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. under the direction of Mrs. R.B. Gibbs.
 A.M.E. Zion Church Choir will sing. Mrs. Mattie Everett, president of the Missionary Union, invites the public to this 11 a.m. worship service. Rev. London will preach from the text, "Jesus Declares His Mission" (Mark 1:15).

READY TO ASSIST
 The Internal Revenue Service office in Elizabeth City is open every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to assist taxpayers in preparing their 1976 Federal income tax returns.
 The IRS office is located at 109 Jordan Plaza.
 Taxpayers visiting the office for assistance should bring their W-2 forms, tax packages and any pertinent documents necessary for the preparation of their return.
 Tax information is also available by dialing the toll-free telephone number 1-800-822-8800.

Sunday School Lesson

POWER OVER THE DEMONIC
 (Mark 1:21-34)
 Immediately after the call of Simon, Andrew, James, and John, our Lord and His disciples entered the synagogue at Capernaum. After the reading of the scriptures, the presiding officer invited any who chose to do so to address the people, whereupon Christ availed Himself of the opportunity to teach those present concerning the kingdom of God. His teaching was original, direct, novel, and fresh. He taught the Word, told the people that it meant exactly what it said, and then challenged them to believe it and obey it. This method of teaching has never been surpassed. Both the content of Christ's message and the note of authority with which He spoke made a profound impression on the people.
 Into the tranquility of that synagogue came a demon-possessed man, but for what purpose is unknown. If Satan instigated the episode, he must have been chagrined by what followed. The presence of Christ disturbed the unclean spirit in the man and made him vocal. Despising his flattery, and refusing to accept a testimony from him, our Lord commanded the evil spirit to hold his peace and to come out of the man. The demon threw the man into convulsions, laid him prostrate on the floor, and, much against the demon's will, as his loud cry indicated, then came out of the man. Naturally the people were amazed at Christ's power to cast out demons.
 If even the demon obeyed our Lord when He commanded him, how much more should we, as Christians saved by grace, render Him the unreserved obedience of loving and grateful hearts.
 Upon arriving home, with Christ, James and John as their guests, Peter and Andrew found Peter's mother-in-law sick with a raging fever. Naturally their first impulse was to tell Christ about the situation and need. Because of their faith in His power to heal, they did not lose any time in telling Christ

about her illness. Without suggesting what He should do, they simply told Christ about the situation and then left the matter entirely with Him. In this we have a splendid example. And what a blessed privilege to tell our Lord about everything.
 Although He was there as a guest, Christ could not remain long without bringing whatever blessing might be needed. Regardless of what the need in any home may be, there is sufficient grace and power in Christ to meet it. Out of a compassionate heart for the woman who had succumbed to the weaknesses of the flesh, Christ did that which no one else had the power to do. Going to her bedside, Christ took her by the hand, raised her up, and made her well. The healing was instantaneous and perfect. There was no need for a period of convalescence, for she was healed instantly and restored completely. Contrary to experience, for one who has been desperately ill with a raging fever to arise immediately when the fever breaks and resume her ordinary household tasks, she began to minister to others. Ministering to others is the name of Christ is the first thing that any person could do after having been healed of the fever of sin by the Great Physician. Service is one proof of healing, and if one does not serve, what evidence is there that he has been healed? When one is saved, he should be anxious to begin serving immediately.
 Those witnessing the miracle in the synagogue had returned to their homes. During the day many heard about the miracle. The news of Christ's exercising power over demons stirred many with the hope that He would do, for their loved ones and friends who were afflicted, what they believed He could do. At sunset, which ended the Sabbath, the inhabitants of Capernaum and the surrounding area brought the sick and demon-possessed to Christ in large numbers. Christ did something for all of them. No demon or disease was able to resist Him. He cured the ailments of all. Christ will always do something for those who come to Him, or for those who are brought to Him. Whatever the need, He is able to supply it.
 Isn't it interesting that Christ refused to allow the demons to declare His identity? This is another evidence of the fact that He counts on His followers to witness for Him. He accepts the testimony of those who follow Him, but restricts that service to them. Christ appreciates, blesses, and uses the testimony of those who follow Him.
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 The Sunday School Lesson is sent in each week by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. and is written by Dr. H.C. Chiles.

CARD OF THANKS
 I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends, neighbors, and groups that remembered me while I was a patient in Albemarle Hospital and since my return home. All the phone calls, visits, flowers, food, and every other act of kindness meant so much. May God bless each and every one of you.
 Mrs. Clara Gibbs

CARD OF THANKS
 I want to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, flowers, visits, and everything that was done for me while I was a patient in the Albemarle Hospital and since my return home. Everyone has been so very nice. Thank you one and all. God Bless.
 Celtic Ann Skinner

CARD OF THANKS
 We, the family of Thomas E. Harrell, wish to take this means to express our sincere thanks to each and everyone who remembered us in any way during the illness and death of our loved one.
 For the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts, visits and prayers and all other acts of kindness shown, we are deeply grateful.
 Mrs. Thomas E. Harrell

DEAR FRIENDS,
 I wish to thank each of you for your cards, visits, gifts, food, flowers, and especially your prayers while I was a patient in the hospital and during my convalescence at home.
 Thoughts and prayers of friends are so meaningful at a time of illness.
 May Our Lord grant you peace, health, and happiness each day of this New Year.
 Zenova White

Revival Planned At Certer Hill

Rev. Daniel Forbes, pastor of Center Hill United Methodist Church in Tyner, is announcing that services in song, prayer and praise will begin Feb. 2nd and continue through the 4th. The services will begin at 7:30 p.m. with the Rev. James Edmonds, Methodist minister of Chesterfield, Va. being the evening message in song. Rev. and Mrs. Wade Creedle of Disputana, Va. will be helping in the service with Mrs. Creedle accompanying Rev. Edmonds at the piano.


HOME FROM HAWAII
 Mr. and Mrs. George Winslow have returned home after a week's vacation in the Hawaiian Islands. They were part of the National Farm Bureau Convention. The group stayed at the Hawaiian Regent Hotel in Honolulu on the Island of Oahu. They also flew to the Island of Hawaii and Kauai, parts of the island chain, where they enjoyed visiting and sightseeing.

Methodists To Give Scholarship

A United Methodist young person will be receiving a \$1000 scholarship for study at a Methodist-related college this fall, because of a new scholarship fund established by United Methodists in eastern North Carolina.
 The Blackburn Scholarship Fund, established by the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, honors the Conference's Bishop, Robert M. Blackburn, and his wife, Mary Jeanne. According to the Rev. Sam D. McMillan Jr. of Laurinburg, chairperson of the committee on scholarships, the scholarship will "enable a deserving United Methodist youth to continue his education at one of the Methodist institutions of higher education."
 Applications are available to any active United Methodist youth in the conference, which covers the eastern half of the state. The student must be attending or planning to attend one of the six institutions supported by the conference: Bennett College, Greensboro; Duke University, Durham; Greensboro College; High Point College; Louisburg College; Methodist College, Fayetteville; or North Carolina Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount.
 McMillan says that as additional interest from the Blackburn Scholarship Fund is available, the number of \$1000 scholarships will be increased. The scholarship may be renewed for four years, but will be awarded on an annual basis.
 Persons interested in applying for the scholarship should contact Rev. Sam D. McMillan Jr., Box 1738, Laurinburg, N.C. 28352. Application deadline is Feb. 29.

For Your Information

Dear friends,
 The author Robert Louis Stevenson, offered this formula: "Make up your mind to be happy. Find pleasure in simple things. Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make laughter outweigh the tears."
 Respectfully,
 Marion Schindell



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