

News From First Baptist

Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. at First Baptist Church with morning worship to follow at 11 a.m. Rev. J.H. London will preach from the text, "How to Handle Mistreatment" (Luke 23:34). The Senior Choir will present special music. Holy Communion will be observed.

There will be a musical program sponsored by the senior choir of First Baptist church and Berlie Moore's choir on Sunday afternoon at 6 p.m. with the First Baptist Church. Moore invites all choirs to take an active part in this musical program.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE—Mr. and Mrs. Fleetwood L. Harrell Sr. of Tyner announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Sherry Jane, to Thomas Lynn Layden, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Oliver Layden Jr. of Belvidere. The wedding will take place at Center Hill Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on March 27. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.



—Obituaries—

ADRIEN J. SMITH JR.

EDENTON—Adrien J. Smith Jr., 52, of Rt. 1, Edenton, died in the Chowan Hospital following an illness of five months. He was the son of Mrs. Grace Winslow Smith of Rt. 2, Hertford and the late Adrien J. Smith Sr.

He was a prominent farmer, an Army Veteran of World War II, attended the Rocky Hock Baptist Church, and was a member of the Board of Directors of Chowan Academy.

Surviving besides his mother are his widow, Mrs. Doris Rountree Smith; four sons, Larry Smith, Jeff Smith, Phil Smith, and Fred Smith, all of Rt. 1, Edenton; and one brother: L. Paul Smith of Rt. 2, Hertford.

Funeral services were held Sunday in the chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home by the Rev. Larry McClure.

"How Great Thou Art" was played during the service by Mrs. Robert Cherry, organist.

The casket pall was made of red roses and white chrysanthemums.

pallbearers were Benbury Wood, George Lewis, R.M. Thompson, Cecil Edward Winslow, Emerson Asbell and Murray Tynch.

Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

EMILY PERRY SAMUELS

Mrs. Emily Perry Samuels, 76, of 1311 Needham Avenue, Bronx, N.Y., died Tuesday, Jan. 25 in the Misericordia Hospital following an illness of several months.

She was a native of Perquimans County, and the daughter of the late Henry and Emma Reid Perry and the widow of David Samuels.

She is survived by a son, David L. Samuels of Bronx, N.Y.; two brothers, Clarence Perry Sr. of Bronx, N.Y. and Wilson R. Perry of Hertford; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Sarah B. Perry and Mrs. Tahlieu Perry, both of Hertford.

A funeral service was held Jan. 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Sauder's Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. C.A. Proctor. Burial followed in the Perry Family Cemetery.

Lowe's Funeral Home, Hertford, was in charge of arrangements.

MATLIN L. DRUMGOLD

Matlin L. Drumgold, 34, died Thursday night in the Veteran's Hospital, Hampton, Va. after a long illness.

He was a native of Portsmouth, Va., an eight year Army veteran. He worked

for the police departments of Portsmouth, Va. and Washington, D.C.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Dora Drumgold of Hillcrest Heights, Md.; one daughter, Miss Andrea Drumgold of Ahsokie; his father, Larry Drumgold of Hertford; step-mother, Mrs. Adelina H. Drumgold of Hertford; one brother, Thomas Drumgold of Baltimore, Md.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1 p.m. in Roadside Cemetery, Hertford by Rev. J.H. London, pastor of Hertford First Baptist Church. Lowe's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JOHNNIE JAMES LILLY

Johnnie James Lilly, 34, of 515 S. Road St., Elizabeth City, died Friday morning at 8:50 in Albemarle Hospital.

He was a native of Perquimans County but lived in Elizabeth City for a number of years. He was a member of Melton Grove Baptist Church, Winfall.

Survivors include: a step-mother, Mrs. Ernestine Lilly of Elizabeth City; three brothers, Melvin Lilly of Hertford, Ernest Lilly Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Spec. 4 Clyde W. Lilly, stationed in Korea; five sisters, Mrs. Geraldine Morris, Mrs. Sarah Felton and Mrs. Thelma Brooks of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Onedia Perry of Virginia Beach, Va. and Mrs. Gloria Spaulding of Greenville.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in Lowe's Memorial Chapel, Hertford, by pastor Naomi Baker. Burial followed in Roadside Cemetery.

ANNIE ERVIN

Annie Ervin, daughter of the late Andrew Ervin and Bessie Weeks Ervin, died Feb. 4 in the Santa Monica Hospital, Los Angeles, Calif. A funeral service will be conducted Friday at 3 p.m. by Rev. J.H. London at First Baptist Church, Hertford.

She was a native of Hertford and a member of the First Baptist Church. She lived for the past 32 years in California.

Survivors include: three sisters, Mrs. Bessie L. Harrell, Mrs. Insie B. Wilkins of Hertford, and Mrs. Mary E. White of Brooklyn, N.Y.; two brothers, William Ervin of Hertford and James Ervin of Winfall.

The family will be at the home of Mrs. Bessie L. Harrell, 107 Edenton Road St., Hertford.

Lowe's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sunday School Lesson

POWER TO FORGIVE SIN
Luke 7:36-50

A Proud Pharisee

We are not told the specific motive which prompted Simon the Pharisee to invite Christ to dine with him. Obviously, it was not because of admiration for the Lord. Perhaps hostility caused Simon to get Christ where he could listen to His words and observe His actions to discover some flaw and prefer charges against Him.

Regardless of the motive, Christ accepted the invitation and joined the other guests at the appointed time. When Christ entered the house, the servants of Simon ignored Him and the Pharisee withheld the customary kiss of salutation and welcome. He merely pointed to the seat which Christ was to occupy at the table. His attitude was a studied and intentional insult, but Christ refused to be affronted by Simon's incivility.

A Prostrate Penitent

Hearing that Christ was in Simon's house, an unnamed woman, who had been notorious for her life of sin and shame, came uninvited and stationed herself behind Christ.

Perhaps she had previously listened to the message of Christ, and had been convicted of sin which led to genuine repentance toward God and to a personal faith in the Saviour. She experienced the forgiveness of sin and her soul was filled with peace and joy.

Her purpose in entering Simon's house was to express her gratitude to Christ for forgiving her sins and transforming her life. Standing behind His extended feet, she intended to anoint them with delicately scented ointment she had brought with her. Overcome with emotion, she could not proceed with her task. She gave vent to her feelings, by shedding tears so abundantly that they moistened Christ's feet. For lack of a towel, she unloosed her long hair and wiped away her tears from His feet. She then smothered them with her repeated kisses, as an expression of gratitude and affection for Him. She also opened her flask of precious ointment and emptied its fragrant contents upon His feet. Real love for Christ always manifests itself in deeds.

A Penetrating Prophet

Because Christ accepted the attention of a woman of bad repute, Simon was greatly perplexed. He thought if Christ were a real prophet, He would have withdrawn His feet from the woman or thrust her back with them. On the other hand, he reasoned that if He knew her character, His tolerance of her conduct proved that He was not a good man.

Reading Simon's unspoken thoughts, Christ remarked: "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee." The Pharisee replied, "Master, say on."

Christ then told the story of a man with two debtors, one of whom owed ten times as much as the other. Neither debtor could pay, so the creditor forgave both. Christ then asked Simon which debtor would love the creditor most, whereupon he replied, the one who had been forgiven the largest amount. Christ told Simon that this woman had been forgiven much, and therefore loved Him devotedly. He also reminded him that she had lavished upon Him her affections and gifts, whereas Simon had even failed to extend to Him the common courtesies accorded respectable guests.

True forgiveness and salvation result in much love for Christ and faithful service for Him. If love and faithful service for Christ are lacking, one may know that true forgiveness and salvation have not been received. Genuine gratitude to the Lord for what He has done for one will always find expression in words and deeds of the one whom He has saved and transformed.

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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.

CELEBRATES 83RD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Joseph Proctor and Mrs. Carlton Elliott, Elliott of Chapapeake celebrated her 83rd birthday on Feb. 5 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. White of Winfall. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. Those present were: Miss Bell Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Louno B. Elliott, John A. Elliott Sr., John Elliott Jr., all of Chapapeake; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hollowell and David Hollowell of Edenton; Mr. and Mrs. Pete Matthews, Miss Betsy Matthews and Marty Matthews of Virginia Beach, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Dawn and Matthew Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Elliott, Joe, Nancy and Connie Elliott, Mrs. Ray Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stallings and Mrs. Bill Cox, all of Hertford; Mrs. Katherine Charles, William Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Dou Dussault Jr., Mrs. L.M. Simpson and Mrs. Ruby Newbold, all of Elizabeth City; Rev. and Mrs. H.D. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Proctor, Mrs. A.R. Winslow, and Miss Dona White of Winfall and Edwin Daughtrey of Greensboro.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

Education about death is proceeding in some communities throughout the country, with this stated objective: "To help people understand their feelings and attitudes toward death and dying so that death will be less fearful, and living more enjoyable." Books are also being written on the subject. Death is a subject that has been taboo too long.

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