

Activities Set At Memorial Baptist

Activities at Memorial Baptist Church include Sunday School at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 29. At 3 p.m. on the same date, the Junior Usher Board will celebrate its 13th anniversary. Special guest speaker will be the elder, Franklin Griffin Sr., pastor of the House of Prayer Pentecostal Church in South Mills. He will be accompanied by his ushers, choir and members of the congregation. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

The Rev. Alfred A. Owens of Washington, D.C. will be delivering a special message at Memorial Baptist Church starting May 31 and continuing through June

with services beginning each night at 7:30 p.m. Local choirs and groups will be presenting special music throughout the week. On Tuesday night, the Memorial No. 2 Choir will be featured. Wednesday night will be highlighted with a performance by the Spiritual Truths Gospel Singers of Hertford. Thursday's group will be the Eastern Star Church of Christ Gospel Choir and the Friday night selections will be presented by the United Gospel Singers.

Rev. J.B. Griffin is host pastor and extends an invitation for the public to attend any or all of these special services.



REV. ALFRED A. OWENS

Sunday School Lesson

AN ENDURING FAITH
James 5:7-20

James tenderly admonished the suffering saints to remain steadfast in the midst of trials and tribulations.

A Plea for Patience — 5:7-11

James exhorted the early Christians who were being persecuted unmercifully to be patient until "the coming of the Lord." He cited three outstanding examples of those who exercised patience: first, the farmer waiting from plowing time until the harvesting season; second, the prophets of God who bore their testimony for Him notwithstanding the fact that they had to endure persecution; third, Job. James stressed the importance of being ready for and expecting the return of Christ.

We are told to endure these things patiently for Christ, and then be assured that when Christ returns, persecutors will be punished. James says to refrain from being chronic grumblers, even though there are plenty of things to upset us.

Of all of those mentioned in the Bible, Job is the outstanding human sufferer. The way in which he bore his troubles and sufferings proved his devotion to God. He said: "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him." Job endured his afflictions patiently and produced an invaluable fruit of genuine faith.

Patience is sorely needed. We need it when we are ill, or when we are undergoing trials of any sort. We need to be patient with others, and especially with those to whom we present the gospel. Not only should we wait patiently for the fruit of our labors, but also for relief from our trials. While we are awaiting the return of Christ, let us see to it that our light keeps on shining brightly in order that others may see our good works and glorify our heavenly Father.

A Plea For Prayer — 5:14-18

Hardships, afflictions, and suffering are inevitable in this life. How shall we react to them when they come to us? When we encounter them, prayer will prove to be appropriate and profitable to us who know and love the Lord. Unless we pray as we should, it is likely that we shall groan, grumble, and growl. Let us refuse to allow sickness or affliction to embitter us.

James told his readers that, when their bodies were subjected to one or more of the diseases common to man, they

should call persons of genuine Christian experience, who have the ability to pray, and ask them to pray for them. When God so wills, He can and does heal directly, but He also uses means, such as medicines and the skills and abilities of physicians and nurses, to bring about the restoration to health.

James emphasized the importance of confessing sin. Confession of sin is a vital factor in availing prayer. Prayer should be offered to God in all kinds of situations. "The effectual fervent prayer that many Christians have never realized. God's children can conquer anything through prayer, but they are powerless without it. Prayer reaches the highest level of intercession, the act of pleading for another. Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except those things which lie outside the will of God.

A Plea For Concern — 5:19-20

When one breaks from those who follow Christ, he is not to be abandoned, but he should become an object of loving concern, and be urged to confess his sins, to seek and to obtain divine forgiveness. He should then prove his genuine appreciation for forgiveness by obedience to Christ.

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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.

First Baptist Church

The Missionary Union of First Baptist Church will have Rev. W.C. Butts for their speaker Sunday morning at 11 a.m. Mrs. Mattie Everett, president, is planning a memorial service to the past president of the Missionary Circle. The Senior Choir will sing.

The annual Woman's Day Worship Service and Rally will be Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Mary E. James, chairlady, invites the public to hear Mrs. Carolyn D. Williams of Riddick Grove Baptist Church. She is presently teaching in the Pasquotank School System and was named Teacher of the Year for 1976, has served as Faculty Representative for the North Carolina Association

of Educators, Vice-President and President of the Elizabeth City Association of Classroom Teacher. She attended Perquimans Union School and graduated from Elizabeth City State University majoring in Primary Education and minoring in Music, she has taught at Hertford, Grammar School and McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey.

Rev. J.H. London is Pastor. The Captains are: Mrs. Annie M. Rodger, Mrs. Minnie L. Wech, Mrs. Hattie Welch, Mrs. L.N. Cox, Mrs. Elaine Skinner, Miss C. Skinner, Mrs. Hester Reid, Mrs. Alberta Eason, Mrs. Lucile Winslow, Mrs. Mattie Burks, and Mrs. Laural Hudson, Chairwoman of Music.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

Memorial Day is that special day of reminiscing on the memories of our loved ones who have passed on. With relatives and friends to recount the cherished anecdotes - a visit to the cemetery to tend the graves and offer a quiet prayer - it can be a very satisfying day.

Sincerely,



Obituaries

MRS. NELLIE TUCKER EDWARDS

Mrs. Nellie Tucker Edwards, 74, died Saturday, May 21 at 11 p.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana. She was a native of Hertford, and a daughter of the late Paul M. and Annie Proctor Tucker. Survivors included several nieces, nephews and cousins. She had willed her body to the Indiana University Medical School.

Memorial Services will be held in her church.

ZEBULON VANCE HARRELL

EURE, N.C. — Zebulon Vance Harrell, 92, died Wednesday, May 18, in Harbor View Nursing Home, Morehead City.

A native of Gates County, he was a member of Cool Springs Baptist Church. He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. J. Wesley Harrell Sr. of Hertford, Mrs. Quinton Byrd of Suffolk, Va., and Mrs. A.P. Harrell Jr. of Gatesville; a sister, Mrs. Olla Perry of Ahoskie; 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

A funeral was held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Cool Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. Jerry Beck and the Rev. Benny Crawford. Burial was in the Church cemetery. Garrett Funeral Home in Ahoskie had charge of arrangements.

MRS. MOZELLE MAE MUMFORD

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Mozelle Mae Mumford, 59, sister of Gilliam Underwood of Hertford. She died Wednesday, May 18, in Clayton where she lived.

Funeral services were held Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the McLaurin Funeral Home in Clayton. Burial was in Pinecrest Memorial Gardens.

Survivors besides her brother include her widower, Jessie Thomas Mumford; a daughter, Mrs. Doris Jean Parrish of Florida; her mother, Mrs. Bertha Underwood of Clayton; three sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Mumford and Mrs. Mazie Johnson, both of Clayton and Mrs. Helen Bailey of Raleigh; four other brothers, Donald and Earl of Clayton, J.R. of Raleigh and Thel Underwood of Virginia; and two grandchildren.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank each and everyone for the cards, gifts, flowers and visits while I was a patient in Chowan Hospital and since my return home. Thanks to all the doctors, especially Dr. Harding, and nurses who were so nice and kind. Thanks again to everyone.

Myrtle Norman

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one for all the acts of kindness shown to me during my recent stay in the Albemarle Hospital and since my return home for every visit, card, gift and prayer. Again "thanks" to each one and may God Bless you all.

Love,

Hannah Jolliff

Lyette Marie Rose

and

John Anthony Gillikin

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Calmagne Rose, Jr.

and

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roland Gillikin

invite you to share in the joy

of the beginning of their new life together

when they exchange marriage vows

on Saturday, the twenty-eighth of May

Nineteen hundred and seventy-seven

one o'clock in the afternoon

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