

# Church to welcome special guest

Bishop Robert M. Blackburn from the Raleigh area of the United Methodist Church will be the guest minister at the Hertford United Methodist Church on Sunday, April 23 at 11 a.m. for his first official visit to the church.

Bishop Blackburn was elected to the episcopacy in July 1972 and was assigned to the North Carolina Conference in that year. Prior to coming to the Raleigh area, he served pastorates in various churches in Florida including Jacksonville and Orlando. He was Chaplain to the 18th Armored Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. He received his undergraduate degree from Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Fla. and did his graduate work in theology at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. He has been the recipient of honorary degrees from various colleges.

Bishop Blackburn has served as elected delegate to the General Conferences of the Methodist Church in 1968, 1970, and 1972 as well as serving as a delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences in 1964, 1968, and 1972.

He is presently serving on the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. He is a trustee of the Lake Junaluska Assembly, Inc., the North Carolina Conference colleges, Methodist Home for Children, Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc., and a member of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

The Hertford United Methodist Church issues an invitation to the people of the community to come hear and meet Bishop Blackburn on Sunday. There will be a covered dish luncheon immediately following the morning worship hour at the church.



**CHURCH SPEAKER** — The public is invited to hear Bishop Robert M. Blackburn, guest speaker for the 11 a.m. morning worship service at the Hertford First United Methodist Church this Sunday, April 23.

### THANKS FOR THE WELCOME

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful people of Hertford and Perquimans County that have stopped by to see us since our arrival making us feel so welcome in your community.

For all of your kindness, the food, flowers, help with the children, and the lovely reception on Sunday, we offer you our thanks. We look forward to becoming neighbors and friends to you all.

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# Sunday school lesson

## PHILIP: MESSENGER TO OUTSIDERS Acts 8:4-8, 14-25

After the martyrdom of Stephen, the enemies of Christ and the Christians in Jerusalem launched a fierce and terrific campaign to exterminate all of His followers. God permitted this awful persecution of His children in order that the Christians might be scattered and the precious seed of His Word might be sown more widely. It was very obvious that, if His message was to be delivered, His messengers had to be scattered. In this case, as in many others, the overruling providence of God made persecution very beneficial to the cause of Christ. So many times persecution has promoted the very thing it sought to destroy.

Conspicuous among those faithful Christians who were scattered in all directions by the violent and devastating persecution was Philip, the deacon, who fled and found refuge in the rather large and populous city of Samaria in which many citizens were given to the excesses of idolatry and immorality, where he continued his witnessing for Christ. Philip was the first foreign missionary and Samaria was the first foreign mission field. There Philip magnified the crucified, buried, risen, and ascended Christ so attractively and effectively that the people were aroused, amazed, and attracted to the Saviour. Many believed on Christ, were saved, and were baptized into the fellowship of the church. Consequently, there was much rejoicing in the blessings of the Lord, as is usually the case when and where the unsaved come to know Christ and the Christians are edified and strengthened. What a joy it is to see a layman who loves the Lord enough to introduce the unsaved to Him!

In contrast with the godly and honorable Philip, who represented possession, was Simon, a magician, who represented profession. The former was genuine, but the latter was a counterfeit. Simon preyed on the credulity of all whom he could and received a rather lucrative income through his practice of magic. A stranger to humility, Simon did not hesitate to claim personal greatness, and many did not have any disposition to question or deny his claim.

Simon was fascinated by the preaching of Philip and by the miracles which he performed through the divine power that was imparted to him. Coveting the power which Philip exercised, Simon decided that it likely would be advantageous to him to make a profession of religion, be baptized, and become a member of the church, too.

The apostles in Jerusalem were kept informed about the achievements of the dispersed disciples in the work of the Lord. They were told that through the preaching of the gospel some of the Samaritans had been saved. Desirous of knowing whether these professions of faith were genuine or spurious, the apostles sent two of their strongest men — Peter and John — to Samaria to investigate the work, to give the converts additional instruction, and to knit more closely the bonds between the younger and older Christians. Upon the arrival of Peter and John in Samaria, they prayed and laid their hands upon the believers, and the Holy Spirit was received by them. The breaking down of the "wall of partition" between Jerusalem and Samaria was

acknowledged by the apostles in their going there, as well as by the Lord in giving the Holy Spirit to the Samaritans.

Imagining that the power of the Holy Spirit could be obtained with money, Simon the sorcerer offered to purchase it, hoping thereby to regain his popularity and to make additional revenue by transmitting that power to others.

Indignant because of the attempt of Simon Magus to buy the power of God with money, which was an utter impossibility, Peter unhesitatingly and severely condemned Simon for his obvious depravity and wickedness in wanting to exploit Christianity for personal financial gain. He urged him to repent of his sin and to pray for forgiveness. The sinfulness of his expressed desire never registered with Simon, but he did ask Peter to pray that he might escape any punishment for saying what he said and doing what he had attempted to do. He was fearful but not penitent.

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The Sunday School Lesson is sent in each week by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. It is used by permission.



**JUNE WEDDING PLANNED** — Mrs. LaClaire W. Rogerson of Hertford announces the engagement and forthcoming marriage of her daughter, Susan Lynn, to Phillip Andrew Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Harris Jr. of Chesapeake, Va. The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Joseph R. Rogerson Sr. The wedding date has been set for June 3 at 2 p.m. in the Anderson United Methodist Church, Hertford. No invitations are being sent locally. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

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# Obituaries

### WALTER L. HUMPHLETT SR.

Walter Lee Humphlett Sr., 68, of Winfall died Thursday morning in the DePaul Hospital following a short illness. A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Frank Walter and Mrs. Addie Lane Humphlett and the husband of the late Gladys Winslow Humphlett.

He was a retired owner of Miller and Humphlett Livestock Co. and a member of the Epworth United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Wayne (Patsy) White of Winfall; a son, Walter L. Humphlett Jr. of Winfall; a sister, Mrs. C.D. White Sr. of Winfall; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Bruce Smith and the Rev. Robert Poole. "In Times Like These" was sung during the service by Mrs. Evelyn Ann Smith accompanied by Mrs. Florence Nowell, organist.

The pall was made of red roses, white chrysanthemums, fern and palms.

Active pallbearers were Walter L. Humphlett III, Charlie White, Jerry White, C.D. White, C.D. Barclift, and Lindsey E. Barber.

Honorary pallbearers were Kenneth Miller, Aubrey Umphlett, Percy Wiggins, Andrew White, and Matthew Lane. Entombment followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

### EDGAR MANRY HOWELL

Edgar Manry Howell, 72, of Rt. 1, Tyner died Thursday afternoon in Chowan Hospital after an illness of one year.

A native of Perquimans County, he was a son of the late William F. and Mrs. Dora Manry Howell.

He was a retired farmer, a member of Ballards Bridge Baptist Church, a deacon, a former choir director, and a past member of the Chowan Baptist Association Executive Committee.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Winona Asbell Howell, one daughter, Mrs. Shelby H. Henry of Virginia Beach, Va.; one son, Melvin E. Howell of Tyner; four sisters, Mrs. Leroy (Sybil) Barrow of Edenton, Mrs. Fulton (Alma) Simmons of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. John O. (Maggie) White and Mrs. Bessie Miller, both of Hertford; two brothers, Carson Howell and Louis Howell, both of Hertford; and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Ballards Bridge Baptist Church by the Rev. George Cooke with burial in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wayne Howell, John O. White III, Leroy sarrow, Charlie Asbell, John ward, and George Jordan with the deacons serving as honorary pallbearers.

Swindell-Bass Funeral Home, Edenton, was in charge of arrangements.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. at Hertford First Baptist Church this Sunday.

The morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. Rev. John H. London, pastor, has selected for his text, "When a church Prays" (Acts 4:31). The Senior Choir will present special music.

### USHERS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

The Hertford First Baptist Church Senior Usher Board will celebrate their 67th anniversary on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with a special program.

Guest singers will include the Harmonizing Star of Boston, Mass.

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Our sorrow is great, in  
seeing you go  
Our loving memories,  
we have of you  
Will live on with us, like  
the morning Dew  
We know you're there,  
in Heaven's Land  
Where you're now part  
of the Angel band  
Other Heavenly Children,  
gone on before  
Were there to greet you  
at Heaven's door  
You romp and play, with  
new-found friends  
You're in a world where  
there is no sin  
And all around you, pretty  
flowers grow  
With Heaven's beauty,  
you're happy we know  
You're now with Jesus,  
where no harm can  
come  
Someday we'll join you,  
when our day is done  
Sweet Lisa Dawn  
You're loved by us all  
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Written By:  
Mrs. Maurice Saunders  
For the daughter of Mr.  
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