

Bay Branch revival set



REV. JOHN E. TROTMAN

The Reverend John E. Trotman will be the evangelist for the week in revival services at the Bay Branch A.M.E. Zion Church July 31-August 4. He is a native of Elizabeth City where he pastored St. Stephen Baptist church. He also pastored the First Baptist Church in Lexington, Virginia and is presently the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in High Point.

Rev. Trotman received his BA, BD, and MDiv. degrees from Virginia Union University, Richmond. He was one of

seventeen ministers from North Carolina who received a Ford Foundation grant for one year of study at the Urban Training Center for Christian Missions in Chicago, Illinois. He is married to Josephine Grant Trotman and is the father of Tanya Monic and Yoland Michelle Trotman.

He is involved in many civic and religious organizations and has recently become a board member of the High Point United Way.

Different choirs will serve nightly: Monday — Saunders Grove Choir and

Ushers; Tuesday — Bagley Chapel Youth Choir and Senior Ushers; Wednesday — Galatia Choir and Ushers; Thursday — Voices of Deliverance and Poplar Run Ushers; Friday — New Bethel Choir and Ushers.

The public is invited to attend these services.

Sunday school lesson

INSTRUCTING CHURCH LEADERS

Acts 20:17-21, 32-38

In a hurry to arrive in Jerusalem in time for Pentecost, Paul wisely passed by the Ephesian docks, knowing that the resultant hospitality would consume too much time. Unable to leave without some word with the Ephesian Christians, Paul invited the beloved leaders in their church to meet him at Miletus, 30 miles from Ephesus, which they did.

Upon their arrival, Paul added force to his farewell admonitions by reminding them of the spirit and character of his ministry in their church. Paul's conduct had been exemplary and above reproach. He pointed to his own walk and work among them and challenged them to mention one thing in his record that was subject to suspicion, doing so in all humility. A clean record gives a person a wonderful sense of satisfaction and security.

Paul's manner was depicted in verse 19. He served the Lord with all humility. There was no arrogance or self-assertiveness in Paul. Instead of being self-seeking, he was anxious to render the humblest service possible for his fellowmen in the name of the Lord because he knew that God always appreciates genuine humility and detests arrogance. Paul's humble service, in compliance with God's will and for His glory, was rendered in the midst of trials and persecutions from the Jews, but this verse expresses the intensity of his sympathy for them and his longing for their spiritual welfare.

Paul had an insatiable desire to see people saved, and kept everything secondary to making known the them the gospel of Christ. Like Christ, Paul spoke to the crowds, and to individuals as he went from house to house, proclaiming unto them the necessity of repentance toward God and faith in Christ, in Whom was their only hope of salvation. Day and night Paul prayed, preached, pleaded, and persuaded to the very best of his ability. Consequently, it was strictly their own fault if they rejected Christ and missed heaven.

Paul's ministry among them had been characterized by exemplary conduct, humility, earnestness, patience, boldness, zeal, and faithfulness. On account of his Christlike actions, his kind words, and his love for their souls, Paul was very dear to them. Reminding them that quite likely they would never see him again on earth, Paul challenged them to be faithful to Christ, to be zealous in their work for Him, to guard the church from evil, and to build it upon the Word and by the power of God. The only thing of real importance to Paul was the discovery and the doing of the will of God in all matters.

Having a pastor's heart, Paul charged and challenged the elders, or leaders, of the church at Ephesus with the grave responsibility of being faithful under-shepherds of the Lord's people. Paul warned the church leaders that after his departure grievous wolves would enter their ranks at Ephesus and propagate false doctrines in order to lead some of the Christians astray. He emphasized the fact that for three years he had been tireless in his efforts to fortify them against such errors, and that now they should be faithful in sounding the trumpet of warning of the approach of the adversary, and then he commended them to the keeping of God's grace.

Due to the persistence of the false and cruel report that Paul sought material gain through his ministry, Paul reminded his listeners that, in order to avoid even the appearance of a mercenary or covetous spirit, he had labored with his own hands to earn the money with which to provide the very necessities of life. Out of that personal experience he had learned the glorious truth contained in Christ's statement, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Our Lord frequently separated people into two groups, and here He divided them into givers and getters. Christ taught that a much higher place is to be accorded the blessedness of giving than that which goes with getting. Do you believe what Christ taught? If so, put your faith into action, and be a contributor instead of a sponger. Experience, the blessedness of giving and thereby escape the curse of withholding. Through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit render an effective and acceptable service for the Lord, with the full realization that all such service will be rewarded.

The touching parting scene speaks eloquently of the mutual love between Paul and those whom he had introduced to the Saviour.

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Mt. Sinai plans revival

Revival services will be held at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church at Rt. 2, Hertford July 31 through Aug. 4. Services will begin each evening at 8 o'clock.

Visiting minister for these services will be the Rev. Herbert Hemingway Sr., pastor of Powell's Point Baptist Church.

A retired Coast Guardsman, the Rev. Hemingway has been pastor of Powell's

Point for seven years and for the past two years has served as Training Union Director for the Chowan Baptist Association.

There will be special music each evening by various groups.

The pastor of Mt. Sinai, Rev. Eddie B. Brown, extends an invitation to all to attend these services.

'Rock-A-Thon' raises \$725

The young people of First Assembly of God Church, Hertford, held a "Rock-A-Thon" July 21 to earn money for missions.

Ten youths participated with six completing the full 18-hour time limit. They raised \$725 for missions with these efforts.

Obituaries

MELVIN A. PARSONS

Melvin Alonzo Parsons, 60, of Rt. 2, Edenton, died Saturday morning enroute to the Chowan Hospital. A native of Huntley, Minn., he had lived at Rt. 2 for five years.

He was the son of Mrs. Rose Engel of Winnebago, Minn. and the late Homer Parsons and was the husband of Mrs. Chong Suk Parsons. He was retired from the Navy after 22 years of service, owned and operated the "Five Mile Y" service station and motel. He was a Baptist.

Besides his mother and widow, he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Judith Ann) Johnson of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sons, Richard Wayne Parsons of Virginia Beach, Va. and Navy Chief Robert Melvin Parsons of Grand Prairie, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Avis Butler of Winnebago, Minn., Mrs. Beth Ballard of Mankato, Minn., and Mrs. Nellie Vigetti of North English, Iowa; one brother, Lloyd Parsons of Seattle, Wash.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home, Hertford, by the Rev. Stanley Nixon, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the New Bern National Cemetery at New Bern, N.C. with full military rites.

ANNIE B.C. NYE

Mrs. Annie Bell Cox Nye, 73, of 5402 Rolfe Ave., Norfolk, Va., a native of Hertford and the sister of David Cox Jr. of Hertford, died Sunday in a hospital.

She was a member of Larchmont United Methodist Church, Harbor Rebeccah Lodge 37, Mace Court 9, and the Order of Amaranth.

Other survivors include a son, Walter D. Nye III of Norfolk, Va.

A funeral was held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank my family and all my friends for the food, visits, beautiful cards and flowers while I was in the hospital, and since my return home. I pray that God will keep you all in his care.

Margaret Hurdle

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Missionary hour to be observed

July 30 marks the fifth Sunday which means Missionary Hour will be observed beginning at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. The Rev. Frank J. Owens of Elizabeth City, pastor of the New Ramoth

Gilead Baptist Church, will preach. The Harvey Point Community Gospel Singers will present special music.

Mrs. Mattie Everett is president and Rev. J.H. London is host pastor.

Hertford Baptist to show film

"The Power of Prayer," a film released by ECFE, will be presented at Hertford Baptist Church Sunday evening, July 30, beginning at 7:30.

The film opens in Israel examining thousands of years of Jewish history and how it pertains to prayer.

"The Power of Prayer" features some of the most well-respected Christian spokesmen in America such as Dr. W.A. Criswell, Dr. John F. Walvoord, Josh and Dottie McDowell, Chaplain Ray and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Hendricks. These men and women share what the Bible says as to the how and why of prayer in the film.

The public is invited to view the film at Hertford Baptist Church July 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Revival planned

Revival begins July 30 at noon at Leigh's Temple with Rev. Howard Manley delivering the message. Assisting with music will be the Perquimans Male Chorus.

At 1 p.m., the Rev. George Powell, the choir and members of the Galatia Baptist Church, will deliver the worship service.

The Rev. Willie Moore, pastor of Riddick Grove Church, will be the guest speaker for the week.

Special music will be rendered by the following: Monday — Kneel in service; Tuesday — Perquimans Male Chorus of Hertford; Wednesday — Moses Temple Male Chorus; Thursday — Rev. Joseph Willis and the Traveling Echoes; and Friday — Mark Shannon and the Salem Male Chorus of Weeksville.

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