

# Good News . . . Giving that glorifies God

## II CORINTHIANS 9:6-15

Paul was concerned that the Christians in Corinth cultivate the grace of generosity as a fruit of Christian faith, as a token of love to their brethren in real need, and as an appropriate response to the matchless love of God in Christ. He was hopeful that they would count it a privilege to give voluntarily, cheerfully and bountifully.

### The Rules for Giving, II Corinthians 9:6-9

Paul likened the method of Christian giving to a farmer sowing his seed, whose harvest is determined by the measure of his sowing.

1. God's children should give generously. Verse 6. If any Christian wants an abundant harvest of spiritual blessings from God, generosity must characterize his giving. One should remember that it is an absolute certainty that a Christian steward cannot out-give God.

2. God's children should give purposefully. Verse 7. Christian giving should never be a hit-or-miss proposition, but a systematic and regular practice. Probably no two Christians will have an equal amount to give, but none should be deprived of the privilege of giving, or of the blessing derived therefrom. Whatever the Christian has in his possession, whether the amount be small or large, he holds it as a trust from the Lord. In his support of God's work, he should not give in order to receive the praise of men, but because he loves the Lord and is anxious to advance His work. He should give with an eye single to the glory of God.

3. God's children should give cheerfully. Verse 7b. People should not give grudgingly or regretfully as though their gifts had been wrung from them. Giving should be spontaneous and hilarious, for "God

loveth a cheerful giver." When believers give out of hearts of love for the Lord and in the right spirit, giving is one of their most enjoyable experiences. Unfortunately many have never experienced the real joy that comes from giving to the Lord for the propagation of His gospel and the progress of His work.

### The Results of Giving, II Corinthians 9:10-15

Scriptural giving results in numerous blessings to the donors. It brings them into closer fellowship with God. In many and unanticipated ways God rewards faithful stewards. The practice of scriptural giving brings down the divine blessings in such ways that one's capacity to give is enlarged. As one Christian expressed it, "The more I give, the more I have to give."

Scriptural giving provides the means which are needed for carrying on the work of the Lord. Faithfulness in Christian stewardship stimulates thanksgiving to God. In giving in the manner which pleases God, one is reminded of the insignificance of all human giving when compared with the wondrous and boundless grace of God in giving the Son of His love to be our Saviour. It leads us to say with Paul, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." "Unspeakable" literally means "not yet fully expounded."

The "unspeakable gift" to which Paul referred was Jesus Christ, Who came from heaven to earth in order that men might be saved and eventually be admitted into the wonderful home in heaven which Christ has prepared for them. This gift was unspeakably great, valuable, and efficacious. It fully meets our needs. However, as long as we remain on earth this "unspeakable gift" will never be fully expounded and comprehended.

# Scholarship is awarded to Miller

Paul D. Miller, an apprentice funeral service licensee with Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford, was awarded a \$1000 scholarship at the 92nd annual meeting of the North Carolina Funeral Director's Association in Charlotte on May 9.

The award, which is given by United Family Life Insurance Co., was presented by Daniel H.

Matthews of Atlanta, Ga., Vice President of United Family.

The competitive scholarship was given on the basis of a written essay and personal interviews.

Miller, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Miller of Rt. 2, Hertford, plans to enter a school of Mortuary Science in September.



RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP — Paul D. Miller of Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford, is shown receiving a \$1000 scholarship in Charlotte.

# Skinner-Moore engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Percell Skinner of Hertford, N.C. announce the engagement of their daughter, Rita Denise, to Bernard Moore, the son of Matthew L. Moore of Oxford, N.C. Miss Skinner is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University and Atlanta University. She is presently employed as a Staff Associate with the Western Electric Com-

pany of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Moore is a graduate of N.C. Central University and Atlanta University and employed as a Production Supervisor with General Motors of Detroit, Michigan.

The wedding will take place June 23 at First Baptist Church, Hertford, N.C.

## CARD OF THANKS

To all of you who remembered me with prayers, thoughts, cards, visits, and gifts during my recent hospitalization, I send my grateful thanks.

Billy Wooten

## CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the many people who brought food, flowers and offered prayers and thoughtful words for our family at the death of our husband and father. We are deeply thankful for so many wonderful friends.

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## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Perquimans County Rescue Squad and each one who remembered me with cards, flowers, visits, and calls. Especially for all the prayers, while I was in the hospital and since my return home May God bless each one.

Mrs. Irma Ayscue

## CARD OF THANKS

We, the family of David Cox, Jr., would like to express our appreciation to every one for the love shown to him and to us during his illness and since his death. For your visits to him, for the cards, the flowers, the food — and especially for the prayers, we thank you. Knowing that others care helps so much!

Nina Cox, John David Cox

# Obituaries

## Thelma Peele

Mrs. Thelma Lane Peele, of Rt. 6, Winchester, Va., formerly of Norfolk, died Monday, May 4, 1979 in Winchester Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Peele was born in Hertford, N.C., a daughter of the late Wilson M. and Mary G. Jordan Lane. She was a retired seamstress for the York House Interiors in Norfolk and previously had been employed by the Leggett's Store in Winchester. She was a member of the Park Place Baptist Church in Norfolk, the People's Country Church in Winchester and the Norfolk Civic Chorus.

Her husband, Charlie William Peele and one son, Charles F. Peele, preceded her death.

Surviving are one son, William Albert Peele of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. G.E. (Jeanette) Francis of Miami Beach, Fla., and Mrs. G.T. (Kathleen) Wrenn of Richmond; thirteen grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Robert (Ethel) White of Hertford, N.C.

A funeral service was conducted 11 a.m. Thursday (May 17, 1979) at the Ompus Funeral Home, Winchester, Va. by the Rev. Joseph Roby. Burial was in National Memorial Park in Falls Church, Va.

## Lillie Bell Nixon

Mrs. Lillie Bell Chappell Nixon, 93, died Monday evening at her home after a long illness. A native of Perquimans County, she was the daughter of the late Walter Scott and Christian Parks Chappell, widow of James Addison Nixon and a member of Bethany United Methodist Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Margaret Hurdle of Hertford, Mrs. W.W. (Myrtle) Bundy of Rt. 1, Hertford, and Mrs. Calvin (Kathleen) Banks of Rt. 3, Hertford; three sons, James T. Nixon, Walter Nixon and Lloyd Nixon, all of Rt. 3, Hertford; two half-sisters, Mrs. Seth Perry of Rt. 2,

## Cornerstone laid at Pooles Grove

Saturday, May 5, at 2:30 p.m., the laying and setting of the cornerstone of the new annex building was held at the Pooles Grove Baptist Church, Woodsville, N.C. Ceremonies took place on the church lawn.

The Rev. J.L. Wills, pastor, took part.

The unveiling of the cornerstone took place Sunday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m.

The Meridian Lodge No. 18, Hertford, performed the ceremony. James E. White, District Deputy, Wiley Whedbee, Worshipful Master and

## Hunter's Fork to hold bake sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Hunter's Fork Church will be having a garage and bake sale at the Grand Community Building, Tyner, on Saturday May 26. The date will be June 2.

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Hertford, and Mrs. Audrey Phelps of Elizabeth City; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

## Ila Oakley Wooten

Mrs. Ila Oakley Wooten, age 76, of Farmville, died at her home Saturday night.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. at the Church St. Chapel of the Farmville Funeral Home by the Rev. Ronald Lee Davis and Rev. Joseph Lehmann. Interment followed in Hollywood Cemetery in Farmville.

Mrs. Wooten, widow of James Arthur Wooten, Sr., was a life-long resident of Farmville.

She is survived by six daughters, Mrs. Daisy Basso of Greenville, Mrs. P.B. Coley of Wilson, Mrs. Bruce Cox of Ayden, Miss Ila Wooten of Charlotte, Mrs. Gene Geaman of Farmville, and Mrs. J.L. Morgan of Swabish Gmud, West Germany; five sons, James A. Wooten, Jr. and Willie L. Wooten, both of Farmville, Manley Wooten of Goldsboro, George H. Wooten of Greenville and Norwood E. Wooten of Laurinburg; 17 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Wooten is grandmother of Billy Wooten, Recreational Director of Hertford.

## For Your Information

Dear friends,

How to help the dying? Help to allay their fears: fear of pain, of loneliness, fear of meaninglessness. Assure them repeatedly that they will be kept comfortable with medication — that the health team has not given up on them. Assure the family that the final dying itself is usually painless. Nature kindly provides an anesthetic for the body when the spirit leaves it.

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