

Good News- David's unruly sons

II SAMUEL 14:21-28

In the Old Testament era, polygamy was permitted, and was practiced by many, but it never was a part of God's plan for His people. And, as all students of the Old Testament know, polygamy inevitably produced unhappiness, heartache, misery, contention, and strife within the families where it was practiced.

A prominent family which experienced numerous and great sorrows because polygamy was practiced in it was that of David. Having had children by various wives and concubines, it is not at all surprising that David was over-indulgent with his children, and neglected to teach and to discipline them as he should, and for his negligence he naturally reaped the same sorrowful results that others did. Parents who fail to challenge the behavior of their children and neglect to discipline them for misconduct need not expect to avert the consequences of their shortcomings in this important realm of life.

When Amnon defiled or raped his half-sister, Tamar, the only recorded reaction of David to that terrible deed was to the effect that he was "wroth." There is not any record of David saying or doing anything to reprimand Amnon. When, as it were, David shut his eyes to Amnon's sinful and inexcusable crime, Absalom decided that he would take things into his own hands and have Amnon slain.

I Kings 1:5-6

It was some time after the death of Absalom when Adonijah decided that, since David had grown old, he should make a bid for the throne to which he considered himself the heir apparent. God had chosen Solomon for this position, but Adonijah was not interested in ascertaining God's will about this matter. David never questioned Adonijah about his intentions, words or actions. Consequently, he and his cohorts concluded that they had the approval of David. Quite frequently when one is misbehaving, silence on the part of another or of others is interpreted as being equivalent to approval. Therefore, one should guard against the possibility of approving that which is wrong.

Obituary

Melton L. Bateman

Melton LeRoy Bateman, 73, of Route 1, Tyner, died Monday June 4. Surviving are widow Mrs. Minnie Hollowell Bateman; daughter, Mrs. Betty Bateman White of Elizabeth City; brothers, Bennie, of Tyner; Waylan, of Edenton; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Burial was at the cemetery of Ballard Bridge Baptist Church.

PCHS graduates

Friday evening, 106 graduates of Perquimans County High School received their diplomas at commencement exercises. Guest speaker for the event was Dr. Jimmie Jenkins, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Elizabeth City State University. In his remarks, Jenkins urged the students to continue their preparation for the future.

The Rev. Charles Bullard, pastor of the Hertford Baptist Church, gave the invocation and benediction. Music for the program was provided by the Perquimans County Band and the high school glee club. Soloists were Wendy Walton and Walter Overton.

Marshalls (chosen for their academic excellence) were: Michael Bullard (Chief Marshall),

Shelton Skinner, Mike Hagan, Lyn Winslow, Rene Bowser, Dianne Jordan and Elaine Twine.

There were thirteen honor graduates for this year's graduation. They were: Brenda Sawyer, Donna Stallings, Catherine Byrum, Russell Lassiter, Jackie Arnold, Lloyd Evans, Jill Twine, Donna Phillips, Peggie Harris, Wallace Phillips, Carolyn Felton, George Felton and Travis Burke.

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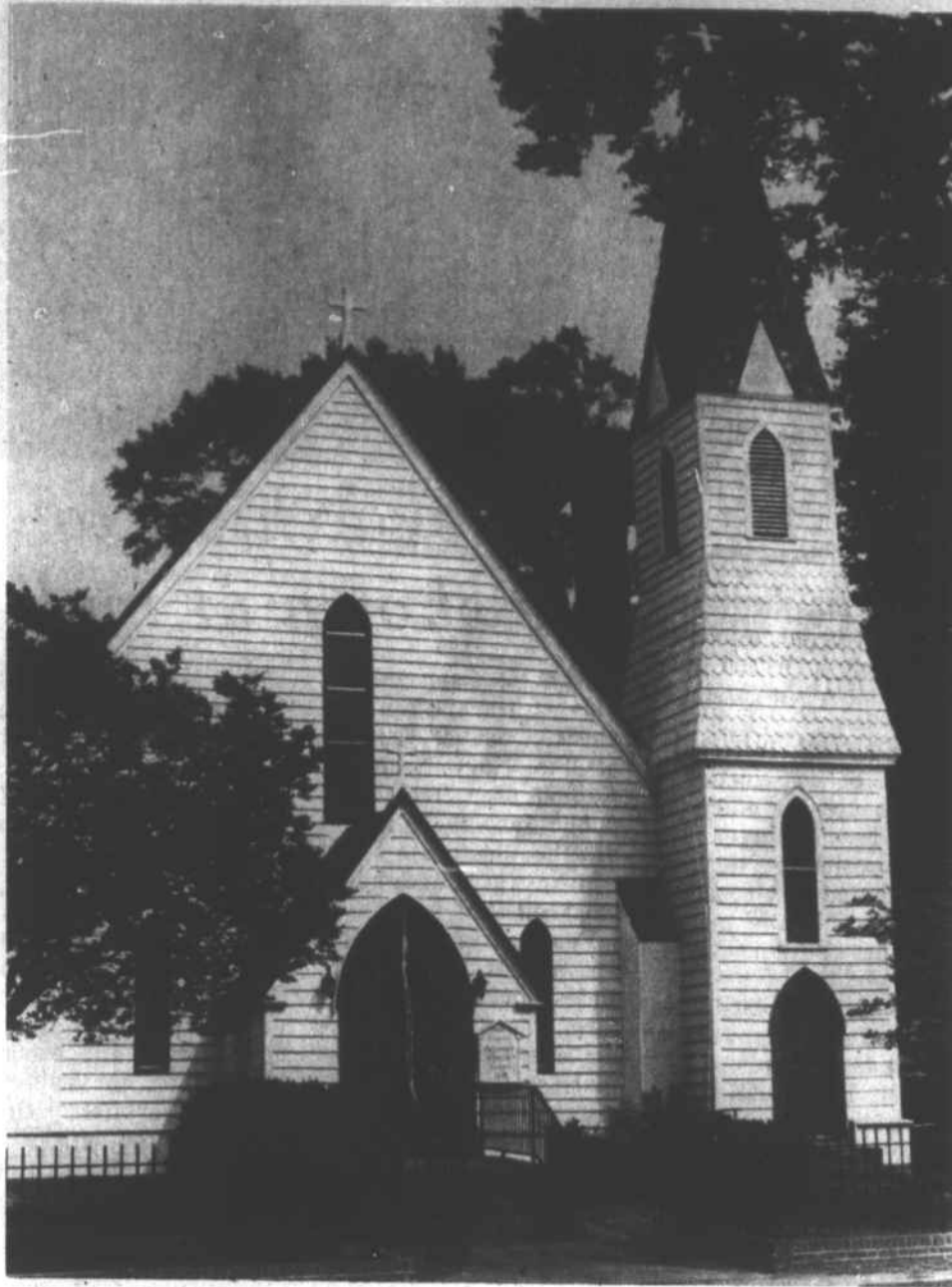
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HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH - The pastor of the church in Hertford is the Rev. Ben Wolverton. Sunday services in the summer are conducted at 9:45 a.m. The church is characterized as having "a friendly congregation."

'69 class holds reunion

Graduates of the 1969 class of the Perquimans County Union School held their first class reunion on May 26 at the Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City.

Joseph Winslow, class president, Deborah Demery, vice-president, Jacqueline Turner, assistant secretary and Jean Riddick Ferebee were responsible for contacting class members and guests, and planning the reunion.

People who attended the reunion as special guests were Mrs. Pearl Knight, Mr. Melton Knight, Sr., Mrs. James Midgette, Mrs. Lillian Jordan and Mrs. Joyce Bryant.

Class members who attended the reunion were: Carol Burke Boney, Kenneth Brothers, Vivian Bryant Defreitas, Deborah Demery, James Everett, Jr., Shelia Everett, William Felton, Jean Riddick Ferebee,

Louis Godfrey, Alice Holley, Joyce James, Sharon James, Olin Jordan Johnson, Doris Simpson Jones, James Jones, Jerrilyn Norfleet Knight, Judie Felton Lilly, Joshua Lilly, Willie Lilly, James Logan, Larry Mallory, Beverly Walton Moore, Larry Overton, Morris Rogerson, George Skinner, Donnie Spruill, Arthur Turner, Jacqueline Turner, Walter Vaughn, James White, Reginald White, Rachel Perry Wingfield, Joseph Winslow and Gail Vaughn Hill.

The next class reunion will be held in 1984.

In the news

Miss Marjorie Hefren of Ijamsville, Md. spent several days last week with Mrs. Pearl Banks.

Clark Winslow of Wilson spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Winslow.

John Morris of High Point was a guest of his mother, Mrs. J.E. Morris, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reed of Columbia are spending a few days this week at the Reed home.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank our relatives, friends and neighbors for your prayers, food, visits, cards, telephone calls and all acts of kindness shown us during the sickness and death of our loved one. We also thank you for the consolation you gave us and for your continuing prayers.

The family of Basil W. Copeland

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank everybody for cards, fruits, flowers, gifts, food and prayers while I was a patient in Albemarle Hospital and Guardian Care Rest Home, and since my return home.

Grace Chappell

For Your Information

Dear friends,

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Minister has charge

Each year, United Methodist ministers are assigned to a charge - which may include one or more churches - or to a special appointment such as college faculty, campus ministry or staff work. Appointments are effective as of June 7. Pastors who are changing their first assignments Sunday, June 10.

Perquimans County is in the Elizabeth City District, which contains Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties. This district is divided into charges, the county being Chowan charge. One minister, The Reverend Virgil L. Free, has been assigned to

Anderson and Bethany Churches. More information and a biography on Rev. Free will be forthcoming in a later edition of this paper.

Extension news

By MRS. M.B. TAYLOR

The older you get, the more aches and pains you get. Right? Not necessarily so.

What will save you from this fate? Exercise, naturally. But not necessarily the vigorous, sweaty, painful kind people dread and thus don't do. Rather it's the stretching, flexing kind that will help you feel good all over.

As people get older, they do begin to stiffen up. Normal use of muscles for bending and reaching can cause pain. But if people would start a routine of stretching exercises, their muscles and joints would stay more flexible and they wouldn't have to feel as bad physically.

A daily ten to fifteen minute routine could do it: This includes - from the top down - nods and circles with the head; arm circles in both directions, side to side bends, leg swings, ankle twists, toe touches and overall stretching high to the sky.

So whether you wish to do vigorous exercising, or merely wish to ward off aging aches and pains, you can do your body some good and feel better too - by stretching.

In the hospital

Joe White and Elijah White are patients in Albemarle Hospital.

Nurney Chappell is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

Miss Helen Morgan has returned home from Leigh Memorial Hospital.

Edwin White has returned home from Southampton Memorial Hospital.

Robert White and Nathan Sawyer have returned home from Albemarle Hospital.

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