

# Good News

## Solomon's request for wisdom

### SOLOMON'S REQUEST FOR WISDOM I Kings 3:3-14

Speaking as a king to his successor, an aged warrior to a young man of peace, a man of varied and rich experience to one of inexperience, and as a father to a son, David delivered a brief, pointed, impressive, and unforgettable charge to Solomon: "Shew thyself a man." He wanted Solomon to be Spirit-controlled, fearless, above bribery and corruption, and vitally identified with the best interest of the people, thereby glorifying God and being a blessing to his nation.

Solomon's reign began with devotion to God and to duty. One of his first acts as king was to go to Gibeon, where the tabernacle was located, for the express purpose of worshipping God. There he placed 1,000 burnt offerings on the altar as a sacrifice unto the Lord. What an act of love and devotion! After a day at worship, Solomon fell into a deep sleep. Out of appreciation of his sincerity of purpose, God appeared to him in a dream, desirous of disclosing His will to him and of blessing him.

#### The Proposition

To Solomon God made a generous proposition: "Ask what I shall give thee." God, the Great Giver, Who always delights to give in large measure, was desirous that Solomon make it possible for Him to bestow upon him some wonderful gift, so He offered him his choice of blessings from the divine warehouse.

#### The Prayer

Solomon's response to God's gracious offer was prompt. In his prayer the element of thanksgiving came first. He expressed appreciation for the mercy and faithfulness of God in dealing with his father, David. Solomon acknowledged that God had bestowed upon him the high privilege of reigning over his people as their king. He was truly grateful for every manifestation of the grace and mercy of God toward

his father and himself. His genuine humility was revealed in his admission of a lack of wisdom for the proper administration of the stupendous task which had been committed to him. Realizing his limitations and his dependence on God, Solomon made the confession: "I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in." Neither can we perform the tasks assigned to us without the help of God.

#### The Petition

When God gave Solomon the privilege of asking what he would, he carefully considered his needs before making his request. There were many things for which he might have asked — pleasure, prosperity, happiness, success, honor, renown, riches, glory, and long life, — but he did not do so. He simply asked for "an understanding heart." With becoming modesty and commendable earnestness he acknowledged his inadequacy for the assignment that God had given to him. His immediate need was the gift of discernment to know how to be a good king and thereby please and honor God, to Whom he was greatly indebted for his excellent opportunity for signal service.

God was highly pleased with Solomon's wise and unusual request, as was evidenced by His memorable reply: "Behold I have done according to thy words." Because Solomon asked for wisdom, God graciously and joyously gave it to him, and then to that wonderful blessing God generously added honor, riches, and victory over his enemies, those excellent blessings which he had not quite even requested. Let us, too, ask God for an understanding heart to discern between good and evil in order that we may always choose the best! That course of conduct will prove to be profitable, and will never be a cause of regret. God-given insight enables us to make wise decisions which result in proper conduct.

Pallbearers were Sammie Sutton Jr., Paul Smith Jr., John Elton Hurdle, Moody Matthews, Jr., Lloyd Lane and John Danchise.  
Burial followed in the family cemetery.

### 30th anniversary is held

Mr. and Mrs. Willie L. Wooten of Farmville, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sunday in Hertford with their son, Billy Wooten, Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Director, and Mrs. Gil Underwood of Hertford. The Wootens returned to Farmville Sunday night.

A delicious meal was

### Long family reunion

A reunion of the family of Sidney and Sally Long, hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Long, was held Saturday afternoon, June 9, 1979, at Yeopim River cottage of Irvin Long Jr. Those attending were the families of Seth Long, Freeman Long, Dick Long, Howard Long and Madge Long Brabble from Hertford. And the families of Claude Long, Irvin Long, Am Long, and Eunice Long Twiddy of Edenton. The delicious meal and fellowship were enjoyed by all.  
Fifty-nine family members attended.

### CARD OF THANKS

Many thanks for flowers, visits and phone calls during my recent illness. God bless each of you.

Margaret A. Stowe

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Nina V. Bateman wishes to take this means to express our sincere thanks to each and everyone who remembered us during the illness and death of our loved one.  
For the beautiful flowers, cards, visits, memorial gifts, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown, we are deeply grateful.  
Ruby and Sheldon Bateman

### For Your Information

Dear friends,  
An elderly woman was fingering a knotted string. "Oh, this string is just the dearest thing to me. My grandmother taught me when I was a little girl to get a new string on each birthday. And then when something good happens, when God smiles on your life, you tie a knot in your string. Then when the days are dark and lonely, when despair is very real, you get out your string and remember the good times. Then the pain isn't so bad."

Respectfully,

Mason Swindell

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH — The pastor of this church located at the corner of King St. and Hyde Park is the Rev. John London. Sunday worship services are at 11 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The church

was founded in 1866. A special musical program will be presented at the church at 8 p.m., June 23 featuring the "21st Century Singers," from Ellettsville City. Carolyn Griffin will be the organist for the program.

### Miller is outstanding president

Archie Miller, past president of the Perquimans County Jaycees, was named an Outstanding Local President at the annual Jaycee state convention recently.

Presenting the award was Harold Herring, past president of the North Carolina Jaycees.

The Northwestern Bank, who sponsored the awards program, has 178 offices in 44 counties in western and piedmont North Carolina. With headquarters in North Wilkesboro, N.C., it is the largest state chartered bank in North Carolina.

### Renovation of senior building under way

With renovation under way on the Hertford MultiPurpose Senior Center, steps are being taken to secure equipment. At a meeting last week of the Senior Center Committee Pam Whitley, grant writer for the Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission, presented plans for applying for additional funds to equip the center. Members of the committee were supportive of the application, and will be gathering information from the community to use in the application. Bill Cox, chairman of the committee, led the group in a discussion of the potential of the center, and Billy

Wooten led the committee on a tour of the renovation site.

Members of the committee are Bill Cox, Mayor of Hertford; Rosa Gibbs, president, Hertford Friendship Senior Citizens Club; Hester Reid, Title VII, Nutrition Site Manager; Annette Sutton, member of the Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club; M.B. Taylor, Perquimans County Home Extension Agent; Grace Dizon, Coordinator Perquimans County Economic Resource Center; and Billy Wooten, Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department Director.

### Recital is announced

There will be a piano recital at New Bethel Baptist Church, Sunday, June 24, 1979, at 4 p.m. This recital will feature students of the area. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. S.L. Lawrence is pastor.

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## Obituaries

### James P. Burnett

James Paul Burnett, age 62, of 105 Wingfield St., died Wednesday night, June 13, at 8:15 in the Chowan Hospital following an illness of four months.

A native of Kentucky, he lived in West Virginia most of his life prior to moving to Hertford 18 months ago.

He was the son of Mrs. Bessie Casto Burnett of Whitesville, W.Va. and the late Frank Burnett. He was the husband of Mrs. Ruth Duling Burnett and a member of the Baptist Temple of Charleston, W.Va. and the Hertford Lions Club. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II and was retired from Exxon USA of Charleston, W.Va.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are two daughters, Miss Deborah Burnett of Lexington Park, Md. and Mrs. Paula Barker of Lanham, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Bartlett of Rt. 4, Hertford and Miss Naomi Burnett of Rochester, N.Y.; two brothers, Jack Burnett of Whitesville, W.Va., and Joe Burnett of Eloyonia, Ohio and one grandson, Richard Barker of Lanham, Md.

Graveside services were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. Charles Bullard.

"How Great Thou Art" was sung during the service by Mrs. Grace Bullard and Mrs. Sharon Chapell.

The casket was draped with the American Flag. Pallbearers were Don Henderson, John Spence, John Ward, Thomas Dail, Dan Berry, and W.O. "Red" Elliott.

Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### Minnie J.R. Adkins

Mrs. Minnie Jackson Riddick Adkins, 85, died Friday night in the Chowan Hospital. A native of Perquimans County, she was the widow of Herbert Spencer Adkins and was a Baptist.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Leland (Louise) Hayden of Norfolk, Va.; one son, Earl Riddick of Rt. 1, Hertford; 4 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Noah Toler, pastor of the Burgess Baptist Church.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was played by Mrs. Preston Morgan, organist.

The casket was covered by a pall of chrysanthemums, pink carnations and baby's breath.

### CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, flowers and other acts of kindness shown while a patient in Norfolk General Hospital and since my return home. May God Bless you.

Robert P. Hollowell, Sr.

### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you friends and relatives far and near,  
Your thought of me were most dear.  
Your visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, food and gifts,  
To my wife and to me were a big lift.  
Your prayers for me were most treasured,  
Which in words can not be measured.  
Being in the Wonderful Southampton Hospital six times was no fun  
But for remembering me, I thank you everyone.

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