

# Good News

## National consequences of leaders choices

Unfortunately Solomon did not leave his son, Rehoboam, the goodly heritage which he had received from his father, David. From the beginning Rehoboam was at a great disadvantage because he had inherited a legacy of trouble. Immediately after Rehoboam's accession to the throne, Jeroboam headed a large delegation which approached the king and sought relief from the heavy tax burdens which had been imposed on the people by Solomon. Isn't this picture of people crying for relief from excessive taxation astonishingly up-to-date? Rehoboam promised a response to their request for lighter taxes after three days.

### I Kings 12:6-11

Instead of consulting with God about the matter, Rehoboam asked the older, wiser and more experienced men what he should do. They advised him to concur in the request, and thereby gain the gratitude and allegiance of those making the request. When he consulted the inexperienced and irresponsible young men, they advised him to deny the request and to threaten them with heavier tax burdens that Solomon had imposed on them. Proud

Rehoboam rashly and foolishly decided to take the advice of his younger counselors.

Rehoboam's harsh denial of their reasonable request and his foolish threat caused the leaders of the ten tribes to give the signal for a revolt, whereupon they seceded, formed the Northern Kingdom, and selected Jeroboam as their king.

### I Kings 12:26-30

Selfish politician that he was, Jeroboam consulted with his counselors, lost sight of the fact that the true strength of a nation lies in the spirituality and morality of its people, and then made two calves of gold and placed them at Dan and Bethel respectively. That was the worst thing he could have done, for it led the Israelites away from the worship of God. His remark to his people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem," indicated that to him religion was merely an accommodation or a convenience. But, it is never too much for anybody to do what God tells him to do. There is no substitute for God's appointed way of worship and service. Jeroboam insisted that his people make it easy on themselves by going to nearby Dan and Bethel to worship. These gold representations of God, which were declared to be symbols of God, actually became substitutes for Him. Due to the rapid increase of idolatry in Israel, God's blessings were withheld.

Jeroboam had a wonderful opportunity to lead his people aright. Instead of doing so, he violated the law of God in the making of these images, and the Bible frequently refers to him as "the man who made Israel to sin." Of course, judgment upon this perpetrator of sin was inevitable. What a reputation he earned for himself — "the man who made Israel to sin"! Jeroboam is a typical representative of all those who pretend or think that they are doing the will of God when they are actually not doing anything more than merely conforming to their own wills. Sin may promise great things, but it never pays.

# Obituary

## Thadeous P. Banks

Thadeous Pool Banks, age 74, of Willow St., Hertford, died Friday morning enroute to the Chowan Medical Clinic, Hertford.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Charlie Pool and Mrs. Sadie Bogue Banks, and the husband of Mrs. Elsie Godfrey Banks.

He attended the Bethlehem Church of Christ. Surviving besides his wife are five sisters, Mrs. Helen Omistead, Mrs. Mattie Barclift, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Mrs. Jessie Hancock, and Miss Wilma Banks, all of Greensboro, N.C.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Keith Lewis and the Rev. Reggie Webb.

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" was sung during the service by Rev. and Mrs. Keith Lewis, accompanied by Mrs. Lina Ruth Morgan, organist.

The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums, red carnations, and baby's breath.

Pallbearers were Woodrow Godfrey, Walter Godfrey, Belvin Eure, Horace Miller, Rob Turner, and William Alden Russell.

Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery, Hertford.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Thad Banks wish to express their deepest appreciation to everyone who helped us during our time of bereavement. Thank each of you for the prayers, visits, food, flowers and any other act of kindness shown to us. May God bless each of you.

## PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing concerning the adoption of the Flood Insurance Program Ordinance will be held on July 2, 1979 at 10 A.M. in The Commissioner's Room in The Perquimans County Courthouse. Any concerned citizen should be present for this hearing and encouraged to attend.

KEITH W. HASKETT

## CARD OF THANKS

Words cannot express our love and gratitude to friends & neighbors for the food, cards, calls, visits, flowers, and above all your prayers for us during the illness and death of our loved one.

The Paul Burnett Family



## Evangelist makes Hertford headquarters

There is a new half year before he became a full-time evangelist. He has been an evangelist for the past nine years.

Chappell's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. C.G. Chappell, live in Tyner where the senior Chappell is the pastor of the Happy Home Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Chappell and his wife, Ellen, have three children: Rebecca, 12; Amy Sue 10; and Douglas, 8.

Rev. Chappell is a general evangelist with the Pentecostal Holiness Church. He is the director of the Calvary Covenant Ministries with headquarters in Hertford. The ministry includes preaching, teaching, direct witnessing campaigns and the printing of gospel literature. Chappell says that over a quarter million pieces of literature were printed over the past four years. Chappell's ministry takes him all over the eastern seaboard, from Canada to Florida.

A graduate of Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga., he was a pastor in Cochran, Ga. for three and one



Rev. C.E. Chappell

**BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST** — The minister of this county church is R.J. Woolard. The church is located on the Pender Road between the Harvey Point Road and Bethel Market. It was founded in 1891. Bible School is at 10 a.m. on Sundays with worship services at 11 a.m. There is a Sunday evening service at 7 p.m.

## In the hospital

Mrs. Dewey Perry Sr. is a patient in DePaul Hospital.

Elijah White is a patient in Albemarle Hospital.

Grason Winslow is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital.

Edwin White is a patient in Southampton Memorial Hospital.

William Stallings has returned home from Norfolk General Hospital.

Joe White has returned home from Albemarle Hospital.

## People in the news

Tommy Sumner, III of Raleigh was a guest of his grandmother, Mrs. T.B. Sumner Sr., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bullard of Raleigh were weekend guests of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bullard.

## For Your Information

Dear friends,

All over America, a new spirit of independence is stirring among the elderly. They are discovering that Washington cannot or will not solve all their problems. Many can best be handled on the local level.

Every social reform demands organization, hard work, a sacrifice of time and energy. This is in the best interests of American democracy, which is an ongoing experience.

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