

# Good News

ISAIAH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL  
Isiah 6:1-4

Capable and ambitious Uzziah ascended the throne of Judah at the age of sixteen, and reigned for fifty-two years. He began his reign as an ardent reformer, and of the early part of it the Bible said: "He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord." Uzziah erected great towers, built strong defenses, and made noteworthy achievements, such as overthrowing the Philistines, Ammonites, and Arabians.

Among Uzziah's fondest admirers was Isaiah, a young man of honor, insight, versatility, wisdom, eloquence, and literary genius, who was superbly endowed with those qualities which equipped him for the greatest usefulness. When his hero, Uzziah, died and was buried, Isaiah made his way to the temple to meditate on God's ways and to find comfort. In the record of his transforming experience three things stand out prominently: a vision, a voice, and a volunteer.

In the temple Isaiah received a vision of the Lord, which was vivid, vital, and victorious. He saw the Lord "sitting upon a throne" reigning in majesty and glory, waiting to reveal Himself to Isaiah, who had not been looking His way, but had been leaning too heavily upon Uzziah. Isaiah also saw some celestial beings standing near the Lord's throne, full of swift energy, blazing with enthusiasm, and glowing with fervent love. Each covered his face with two wings, because he was overwhelmed with a sense of awe and reverence and was not able to look into the face of the Lord. Each covered his feet with two wings, because his keen sense of unworthiness caused him to do so in order that he might not be seen. Each stood with two wings outstretched, exceedingly anxious to render swift and unquestioning obedience to the Lord.

Isaiah's vision of the Lord made him aware of his own impurity, which almost overwhelmed him. His vision of the Lord resulted in Isaiah's conviction, confession, and cleansing. Divine forgiveness and cleansing enabled Isaiah to enter upon a life of usefulness, honor, and promotion.

Isaiah heard the voice of praise, the seraphim sang, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." He also heard the voice of pardon, for one of the seraphim, speaking for the Lord, said: "Thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged." Isaiah also heard the voice of purpose: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" He knew that the Lord was calling for a messenger to deliver His message.

In response to the vision and the voice, Isaiah became a volunteer. He became an unhesitating, unselfish, and unserved volunteer by saying: "Here am I; send me." Without consulting anyone, Isaiah unhesitatingly, unselfishly, and unreservedly offered himself to the Lord just as he was and with all that he had to carry the Lord's message to those who needed it so much. Isaiah fully intended to deliver the Lord's message, with which he was being entrusted, to the very best of his ability to whomsoever would hear and heed it, firmly believing that the Lord would richly bless and use him.



**BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH** — This county church is located on the Harvey Point Rd. The pastor is the Rev. Noah Toler. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. with worship services at 11 a.m.

## Chowan College gym construction underway

Chowan College has received gifts and pledges totaling \$1.6 million toward the cost of construction of its new gymnasium-physical education center.

The announcement was made by Chowan President Bruce E. Whitaker. He said that Chowan has now reached 80 percent of its original goal of \$2 million through its "Accomplishing Our Mission" program. He pointed out that the basic construction cost of the building is \$2,150,000.

"We are very happy to have reached the milestone goal of \$1.6 million, which represents significant progress. For this achievement, we are grateful to the campaign volunteer workers headed by national general chairman E.L. Hollowell of Edenton and national honorary chairman Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, Va. We are also appreciative of the many friends and supporters of Chowan College who have helped us come this far with their gifts and pledges," Whitaker said.

Continued Chowan's president, "Even as I'm making this announcement the contractor and his men are laying bricks and making steady progress leading to the opening of the building early in 1980. Therefore it is urgent that we raise the \$550,000 needed to complete the basic construction."

Whitaker said the new facility will be of importance not only to Chowan's students but many different groups, to include the boys and girls who attend summer camps on Chowan's campus. "This summer we have entertained hundreds of campers. One camp alone, the Eastern Band Camp, attracted over 450 high school students."

## Outpatient family center to open in August

An unused medical facility in Bethel will again offer health care to local residents when the East Carolina University School of Medicine opens the facility in August as an outpatient family practice center, a satellite unit of the school's Eastern Carolina Family Practice Center located in Greenville.

The center will provide expanded patient care services to the small Pitt County community and surrounding area and serve as a training facility for family practitioners.

"The people of Bethel have been very supportive and enthusiastic during the development of this project," said Dr. James G. Jones, chairman of the Department of Family Practice. "This is a warm and friendly community, and we believe the center will provide an excellent opportunity to meet the needs of the citizens while presenting a realistic picture of the practice of family medicine to our residents and students."

"The ratio of population to primary care physicians is considerably higher in Bethel than in the state and nation, and we are pleased to be able to cooperate with the community in meeting their medical needs and our medical education goals."

According to Jones, the 11,210 residents in the area currently are served by only one physician.

Dr. John A. Voss, associate professor of family practice who joined the school in July, will serve as clinical director.

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# Evans-Symons wedding is held

Miss Catherine Faye Evans became the bride of John Hill Symons, III in a double-ring ceremony Sunday afternoon in Bethel Baptist Church. Reverend Stanley Nixon of Hertford officiated.

The bride is the daughter of and Mrs. Joseph Lloyd Evans of Hertford. Mr. Symons is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill Symons, Jr. of Hertford and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nereus Chappell of Belvidere.

Presenting a program of music were Mrs. Carolyn Lavezzo, organist, Rex Jackson, trumpeter; and Mrs. Jane Gower, sister of the bride, vocalist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal gown of white silk organza over bridal taffeta with an empire waist, victorian neckline, and a full skirt with sweep train. The sheer yoke of English net was embellished with silk venice lace and she wore a chapel length veil of silk illusion bordered with silk venice lace attached to a Juliet cap of matching lace. Her bouquet was white silk roses, cymbidiums, and lilies of the valley.

Mrs. Linda Musten of Raleigh was her sister's matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Miss Barbara Symons of Hertford, sister of the groom; Miss Sybil Hobbs of Richmond, Va.; Miss Melinda Seay of Garner; and Mrs. Debbie Jackson of Sanford.

Flower girl was Miss Dabney Woodard of Hertford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Woodard.

John Symons, Jr. was his son's best man. Groomsmen were Lloyd Evans, Jr. of Hertford, brother of the bride; Dennis Symons and Mark Symons, both of Hertford and brothers of the groom; Roger White of Crouse; Wayne Tarkenton of Raleigh and Donnie Luper of Chapel Hill.

Ring bearer was Master Jeffrey Roberts of Virginia Beach, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Roberts and cousin of the groom.

Acolyte was Master John Evans of Hertford, brother of the bride.

Mistresses of ceremony were Mrs. Jeanne White, aunt of the groom, and Mrs. Joyce Hobbs, both of Hertford.

Immediately following the ceremony, the bride's parent's entertained at a reception in the Church Social Hall. Later Mr. and Mrs. Symons left on their wedding trip to Charleston and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. They will make their home in Cary.

The bride is a summa cum laude graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh and is employed as a programmer by Data General in the Research Triangle Park.

The groom is a graduate of North Carolina State University in Raleigh and is currently employed as co-manager by Big Star in Raleigh.

**COURTIES**  
The bride was entertained at a floating miscellaneous shower on July 6 by friends and relatives at the Hertford Baptist Church.

A lingerie shower was given for the bride July 7 by Mrs. Harriette Woodard and Miss Dabney Woodard at their home in Hertford.



MRS. JOHN HILL SYMONS, III

The bridal couple was honored at a Luau given by Mr. and Mrs. Emmons Gower and Mr. and Mrs. Donna Musten July 27 at the home of the Gower's in Cary.

On the evening of July 28, Mrs. Debbie Jackson honored the bride with a Tupperware shower in Raleigh.

A pool party, August 3, was given for the couple by Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Landing, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dail, and Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Chappell, all of Hertford at the home of the Landing's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Symons, Jr. entertained the members of the wedding party and out-of-town guests with a pig pickin' at their home in Hertford, August 4, after the wedding rehearsal.

## Revival services begin

Revival will begin at Hertford Baptist Church August 12 and run through August 17 at 7:45 each evening.

The Rev. Donald Wagner of Rocky Hock Baptist Church will be the guest evangelist.

Revival Services will begin at the Woodland Methodist Church August 12-16 each night at 8 p.m.

There will be special Choir Music on Sunday evening.

The Pastor, Reverend Burgess, will bring the messages.

The Elder M.G. Copeland, the choir, the congregation and the ushers of Sweet

Beulah Church in Suffolk, Va. will render services Sunday, August 12 at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church in Hertford at 3 p.m. The services are sponsored by the senior usher board of St. Paul A.M.E. Zion.

Revival is set at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church starting Monday, August 13 until Sunday, August 19. Morning services will begin at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday night.

The visiting evangelist will be the Rev. Stanley Nixon.

Rev. Eddie B. Brown, pastor of Mt. Sinai invites all to attend the week of services.

## Social Security office

Have you ever had the experience of calling Social Security and getting a busy signal for hours?

Have you had occasion to walk into a Social Security office and find yourself at the end of a long line? If you have suffered either of these incidents, then chances are you are trying to conduct your Social Security business at a time when the office is most likely to be at its busiest. People who don't have urgent business with their Social Security office should not have to fight busy phones or long lines. They can pick and choose the time they conduct their business.

Lost checks, delayed checks and checks in an amount different from that expected, are the basis of anxious questions that the Social Security office handles around the first of the month.

So the best time to call or visit the Social Security office, if you don't have urgent business, is during the last two weeks of the month.

Generally the latter part of the week is less busy than the first part of the week, and afternoon hours get less traffic than morning hours.

They have four persons who handle applications and other Social Security business in the Elizabeth City Social Security office. However, for most people it saves time to conduct their business by phone.

In recent years they have streamlined their procedures so that almost any Social Security business can be handled by phone, from applying for benefits to changing your name because of marriage.

When you call you should make sure you have your Social Security number handy. If you're calling about Medicare, be sure you have your Medicare card.

Even if you know you need to come to the office, it's still a good idea to call first. That way they can tell you what documents you need to bring and perhaps even handle part of the business right on the phone.

The Elizabeth City Social Security office is located at 111 Jordan Plaza next to Southgate Mall (phone 338-2161) and is open 9:00 to 4:30 weekdays.

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