

# Good news

CHRIST GIVES CAUSE TO REJOICE  
Phillippians 4:4-13

Written specifically to enforce the Christian duty of rejoicing in the Lord, this sunny and challenging epistle teaches that Christians should rejoice under all circumstances, regardless of the trials they have to bear, the losses they have to sustain, and the sacrifices they are called upon to make. While we cannot rejoice always in ourselves, in other people, or in circumstances, we can and should "rejoice in the Lord always" - in whom He is, in what He is, in what He has done, and in what He is doing.

Verses six and seven recognize the tendency of people to worry. This desqueting solicitude about the temporal and material things of life is a prevalent and pernicious sin, which is divinely forbidden. Worry is enfeebling, useless, and sinful. It divides our attention, subtracts from our strength, adds to our burdens and multiplies our difficulties. It never dries a tear, nor lifts a burden, nor solves a single problem. It displays a lack of faith in God. Worry indicates that one distrusts God, ignores His love, and forgets His power. Worry is a sin against the worrier, others, and God. To overcome the sinful habit of worrying, concentrate on the present, have faith in God, talk to Him about everything, and commit the future to Him.

In verse eight Paul exhorts and challenges all Christians to cultivate elevating thoughts. He urges us to meditate on the things which are worthy of praise - things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. When the mind dwells on things like these one becomes more Christ-like. As Christians we should strive to be as much like our Lord now as it is possible for us to be, looking forward to the time when we shall be just like Him.

Paul expressed to the Phillippian Christians his genuine appreciation of their wonderful record in ministering to his temporal needs by supporting him through their voluntary and generous contributions while he was ministering to others. Christian contentment, the secret of which Paul knew so well, is the cheerful acquiescence of the soul in the will of God in all conditions and under all circumstances. Paul had learned to adjust himself to whatever life brought, whether abundance or poverty, fullness or hunger.

Having found Christ equal to every emergency, Paul triumphantly remarked: "I can do all things through Christ Who strengtheneth me." Just as long as Christ kept on pouring power into Paul he had adequate strength for whatever he might be called upon to endure. Christ is the source of all power for victorious living and acceptable service. When the duties of Christians are extraordinary, they can always rely upon Christ for extraordinary supplies of grace and strength. We can over come temptations, endure sufferings, discharge duties, and enjoy an indescribable satisfaction of soul in living the life that knows no defeat through Christ who will keep on pouring His strength into us. Through Christ, we can be ready for anything that comes.

(Editor's note: We welcome Good News contributions from area ministers. They should be typed, double-spaced, and limited to two pages.)

## Eastern Quarterly to meet

The Eastern Quarterly Meeting of Friends will be held Saturday, November 17th, at Up River Friends Meeting House. Meeting of Ministry and Counsel will be at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11:00 o'clock. The speaker will be Jack Wo of Portsmouth, Virginia. The Business session will follow the noon meal. On Sunday, November 18th, Ken Spivey, pastor of Piney Woods Friends Meeting will bring the 11:00 o'clock message. The F.Y.F. will meet Sunday at 3:30 p.m. with meal time at 5:15. The evening service, designed for young people but open for everyone, will meet at 6:30. The guest speaker is Pat Cotturone of Portsmouth, Va. Host pastor Rendel L. Cosand and congregation invite the public to attend.



## Bishop Sanders

The Reverend Brice Sidney Sanders (center) was consecrated Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Carolina on October 26 at St. Mary's Church in Kinston, N.C. Attending the service of consecration from Perquimans County were the Rev. and Mrs. W.I. Wolverton, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murray, Mr. and Mrs. William Nixon, and Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Winslow, Jr.

## Obituaries

### Griffith

Harry William Griffith, 81, of 200 S. Church Street, Hertford, died Thursday, November 8, in Chowan Hospital. A native of Humbleton, West Virginia, he was the husband of the late Virginia Thrush Griffith and the son of the late Abram and Mrs. Susan Stevens Griffith.

He was a retired furniture finisher for the Paramount Manufacturing Co.

Surviving are two sons: Robert Griffith of Edenton and Harry Daniel Griffith of Newport News, Va.; a brother, Paul Griffith of Jamestown, New York; and a sister, Miss Virginia Griffith of Morgantown, W. Va.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, in the Bordan Funeral Home in Sheffield, Pa.

Swindell Funeral Home in Hertford was in charge of local arrangements.

### Thompson

Harold Alonzo Thompson, 70, of Snug Harbor, Route 1,

Hertford, died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon in his home. A native of Chicago, Illinois, he was the son of the late Victor and Mrs. Deborah Davis Thompson.

He was retired as head of the Walter Quinn Drug Rehabilitation Program in Essex County, New Jersey. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Edenton, a member and past master of the Amity Masonic Lodge 103 in New Jersey, a member of Perquimans Masonic Lodge 106, a member of the New Bern Scottish Rites Bodies and a member of the Snug Harbor Civic League.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith Sivertsen Thompson, a son; Victor Harold Thompson of Newport News, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Marion Mehl of Long Island, New York; and two grandchildren.

To the ministers, churches, neighbors and friends who expressed concern during my recent illness, thank you from the bottom of my heart. I would also like to acknowledge the fine service of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

William C. North, Rt. 4 Hertford N.C.

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## Musical slated

The choirs and members of Hertford Methodist church will present a "Gathering for Believers. Thanks and Praise" on Sunday, November 18, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. Guest musicians will include David Ziemba, Walter Edwards, Lyn Winslow, Billy Wooten, Sister Barbara Gerwe, and David Stevenson.

The service will consist of anthems, solos, trios and testimonies. The public is invited to attend the service of Thanksgiving.

A nationwide study has concluded that nearly one-half of the children ages 6 to 14 fix their own breakfast at least twice a week.

## Cook's corner

EDNA WOLVERTON

My new neighbor invited my daughter for dinner several weeks ago. After that, all I heard was, "Please fix some of Janet's Bean Soup!" I did - it's yummy - maybe you would like to try it too!

**Hambone - picnic**  
2 lb pkg. navy beans  
3 stalks celery, chopped  
3 medium onions, chopped  
2 carrots, chopped

Cover the hambone with water and boil 30 minutes. Add navy beans, cook 1 1/2 hours, adding more water when necessary. Then add celery, onions, and carrots, cook 1 hour - season with plenty of salt and pepper. Remove bone after soup is done, and dice any ham available from bone. Return to soup. This freezes well!

P.S. Janet serves this thick and hearty soup as a meal with cornbread!

## Film set at Berea

PILGRIM'S PROGRESS, a feature motion picture based on the famous book, will be shown on November 18 at the Berea Church of Christ, Route 3, Hertford, at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

many of the religious practices of his day. Although never brought to trial, he spent twelve years in prison. It was while he was in prison that he wrote the book.

The motion picture version, produced by Ken Anderson Films, selects highlights from the extensive story. Pilgrim is shown on this flight from the City of Destruction.

Portrayed by an excellent professional cast and filmed in the magnificent beauty of Northern Ireland, the film has made a real impact on Christians everywhere.

*Mr. and Mrs. Billy Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Stallings invite you to share in the joy of the marriage uniting their children Yvonne Carol and Alan Dale*  
*This celebration of love will be on Saturday, the seventeenth of November nineteen hundred and seventy-nine at two o'clock in the afternoon Hertford Baptist Church Hertford, North Carolina*

## Moore to speak



The Rev. David D. Moore, Pastor of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and First Baptist Church, Bertie County, Aulander, N.C. will deliver a special sermon at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church, in Hertford on Sunday, November 18, at 3 p.m.

He will be accompanied by

the choirs, ushers, and congregations of the two churches.

Rev. Moore is a native of Perquimans County and the manager of Moore's Fish Market on Edenton Road Street in Hertford.

The program is being sponsored by the St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Missionary Society. Mrs. M. B. Taylor, president of the society, states, "We are fortunate to have Rev. Moore to return to the county and bring a special message."

## In the hospital

Mrs. Ruth Sumner is in Wilson Memorial Hospital. Nathan Sawyer is in the Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. Sidney Blanchard has returned home from the Albemarle Hospital.

## CARD OF THANKS

The family of Evelyn Waters deeply appreciates the sympathy expressed through cards, phone calls, food, flowers, and other thoughtful gestures throughout the recent illness and death of our loved one.

THANK YOU

Dear friends,

We wish to take this means to express our sincere thanks to everyone who remembered us in any way during the illness and death of our mother.

For the beautiful flowers, cards, memorial gifts, visits, prayers, and all other acts of kindness shown, we are deeply grateful. May God bless you all.

The Family Of Linda B. Elliott

## CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone who remembered me during my hospital stay and since my return home.

Special thanks go to the Bethel Ruritan Club, the Bethel Fire Department and the Bethel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for sponsoring the "Whichard Davis Fund" fish fry that helped raise money to defray hospital bills.

Also, thanks for the personal donations and all acts of kindness shown. They will always be remembered.

Whichard Davis

## For Your Information

Dear friends, Modern families are being separated by age, by distance, by knowledge, and by philosophy. Sometimes, an elder member, especially if living alone, wants to be certain he or she gets the kind of funeral desired. Prearrangement of a funeral makes sense in such situations and we at Swindell Funeral Home offer to discuss prearrangement with you.

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