

# CHURCH

## Church news

### PERQUIMANS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Rev. David Goehring will hold services Sunday at the following times: Cedar Grove — 9:00; Oak Grove — 10:00; and Epworth — 11:00.

### THE LIGHTHOUSE

Covenant Ministries are going to be at the Lighthouse this Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Also, a car wash and yard sale will be held Saturday at 7:30 a.m. until noon. All proceeds go to the Lighthouse, Christian Outreach Center.

### ELIZABETH CITY WOMEN'S AGLOW

The Elizabeth City Chapter of Women's Aglow will meet Saturday, September 15th at 9:00 a.m. at Tucks Restaurant.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Betty F. Forbes of Virginia Beach. She has been a Bible teacher for many years and at the present time oversees the Rock Church School of Ministry. This meeting is open to the public. Coffee and doughnuts available.

### UP RIVER FRIENDS

Michael Winslow and The Searchers Quartet of Chesapeake, Va. will present a Sacred Concert at Up River Friends Meeting on Road 1208 twelve miles north of Hertford, Sunday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

p.m.

Pastor Rendel Cosand and the people of Up River Friends Meeting cordially invite the public to this service of worship and inspiration. An offering will be received for the guest musicians.

### SNUG HARBOR COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Snug Harbor Community Church invites you to attend revival meetings beginning Sunday, September 16 at 9 a.m. and Sunday through Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Guest evangelist will be the Rev. John Alford, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids. Special music will be provided each night with special youth emphasis on Tuesday night.

### A Word From Mt. Sinai

It was looking at some turn of the century photographs with Mrs. Ainsley the other day. A lot has been built and added to Hertford since then. What Hertford did not offer was not a discouragement to them. Rather it was an opportunity to make their own way. There was no waiting around for a handout and government development grants. By personal investment and hard work, men and women developed their own future.

One thing noticeable about home folks is religious convictions. Farming is totally in God's hand. When farmers realize every other business and institution draws its income from the farm. Wouldn't it be great if we all prayed for each other? Jesus says it is the law.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Mark 12:31)  
George Wilmore, Pastor  
Mt. Sinai Baptist Church



Holiday Island residents have worked hard to raise the money and to build a non-denominational church in

their community. "The Chapel on the Sound" was host to its first congregation on August 5,

when the 100-plus members of the church ventured from their former meeting place, the Holiday Island Club

House, led by their two ministers, James A. Hodge and Wayne Jarrett, to the new chapel.

## Sunday School lesson

### DO "GOOD" PEOPLE SIN?

(Romans 2:1, 12-24; 3:9-12, 19)  
"They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable: there is none that doeth good, no, not one. (Romans 3:12)

The question posed in the title of this lesson is answered in the text of the scripture given for today's lesson. Paul is writing to the Christians in the church at Rome. In another place in this same letter, (Romans 3:23) Paul said, "All have sinned." In yet another place he said "The wages of sin is death." Perhaps the key to the question lies in the word "good." How do we define, or explain, the word "good"?

On one occasion Jesus was challenged by a rich young ruler who came to Him with a question. He addressed Jesus and said, "Good Master," that is to mean teacher. Jesus replied, "Why do you call me good?" "Only God is good—and no one else." (Luke 18:18,19 L. B. ) Did Jesus mean that He was not good? No. He was and is good, as He said only God is good. He meant that only God is completely

and entirely good.

The scriptures record that Jesus did on occasion speak about some people as being "a good man." Getting back to the question, "Do good people sin?" Sure they do, and God has made provision for them. Paul said that when we sin, we have an advocate with the Father, even Jesus Christ.

Christ taught His disciples a model prayer in which they were to ask that God would forgive them of their sins. Sin is one's life is devastating—and can be deadly, but because of Jesus it is not necessarily fatal to us.

### THE JEW AND THE LAW (Romans 2:17-24)

The Jewish people are the ones to whom the law had been given; they were "in the law," or living under the law supposedly. But having the law was not sufficient—living accordingly to the precepts of the law would justify them.

Paul used the occasion of this letter to draw some comparative conclusions between Jews living under the covenant of laws—and Christians living under the new

covenant of love.

Did it make a difference when people sinned? In these verses, (17-24) Paul makes a pointed reference to some particular sins. He calls their attention to stealing, adultery and that of placing "things" in importance above God.

We all know that these acts are sinful according, both to the law, and the teaching of Jesus and His Apostles. Yet, there was one thing that Paul was especially agrieved about. Jews claimed to be God's chosen people—even boasted about their special relationship to the Lord. Paul said that because of this when they committed sins they dishonored and blasphemed God. What Paul said to them he says to us, also. That kind of inconsistency is not limited to the Jews, of course.

### THE JEWS AND THE GENTLEMEN (Romans 3:9-12, 19, 20)

Paul was a Jew. In these verses he now speaks as a Jew, and asked the question, "What then, are we better than they, the Gentiles?" Paul answers his own question very decisively: No Way! He follows this in verse ten by stating, "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one!"

We go back to the original question stated in the lesson title, Do good people sin? Do good Christian people sin? Yes, they do. They do because they are imperfect people, trying the best they can to live according to Christ's teaching, but sometimes they fail.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

GRANT that I may not so much seek to be justified, as to console; to be obeyed, as to understand; to be honored, as to love . . . for it is in giving ourselves that we heal, it is in listening that we comfort, and in dying, that we are born to eternal life. ST FRANCIS

Respectfully,

*Marian Swindell*

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## Nutrition site menus

The following is a list of meals planned for the week of September 17 through 21 sponsored by the Albemarle Commission at Wynn Fork Court served at 12:00 daily. If you have any questions please call Darlene Harrell, Nutrition Project Director at 426-5753.

Monday — baked chicken, green beans, yellow squash with onions, whole wheat bread, margarine, fresh orange, milk.

Tuesday — cheeseburger, baked beans, cabbage slaw, bun,

margarine, rosey pear halves, milk.

Wednesday — sliced turkey with gravy, cranberry juice, chopped broccoli, roll, margarine, apple crisp, milk.

Thursday — chicken pastry, copper penny, spinach, whole wheat bread, margarine, orange/grapefruit sections, milk.

Friday — roast beef, scalloped potatoes, tomato juice, roll, margarine, cranberry crunch, milk.

Sylvia Wrae Langley

and

Seth Mac Morgan

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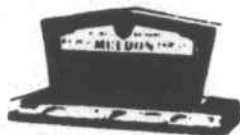
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