

'Blessing of the Animals' service

From Staff Reports

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a "Blessing of the Animals" service Sunday at 4 p.m. in the courtyard between the church and parish hall. If it rains, it will be held in the parish hall.

Dogs, cats, hamsters, fish, reptiles and even horses are invited.

The church asks that all dogs be on a leash, cats in a crate (or on a leash) and any others firmly under your control. After the blessing, there will be an informal reception in the Parish Hall next to the church.

Carla Bundy, owner of New Hope Stables, will be bringing two miniature horses — Cooper and Little Bit.

For additional information, contact the church office at 426-5542 or Sandy Sperry at 426-6587. The celebration is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for all creatures.

He believed that nature was the mirror of God, and he called all creatures his "brothers" and "sisters."

Gilbert W. Baccus Sr.

HERTFORD - Gilbert Wray Baccus, Sr., aged 81, passed peacefully and joyfully from his home at 153 Baccus Lane, Hertford, NC to his new home in heaven on Monday morning, September 26, 2016. He was a native of Perquimans County, NC, born on August 2, 1935 to parents, Johnnie Cephas Baccus and Maggie Winslow Baccus who were waiting for him in heaven.



Gilbert was a contractor, hog farmer and commercial fisherman and part owner of Baccus Seafood and Tri-B Construction. He was a faithful member of Woodville Pentecostal Holiness Church where he served as a deacon, superintendent and song leader for many years. He was known to be able to outwork most men many years younger than him. Gilbert spent his life striving to make sure his family stayed together and that all of his family and friends would one day be reunited in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lois Turner Baccus who diligently cared for him during his long illness. He is also survived by his sons, Gilbert R. Baccus, Jr. and wife, Sybil and Donald Wayne Baccus and wife, Terri; three grandsons, Jason Baccus and wife, Courtney, Jeremy Baccus and wife, Mia, Chase Baccus and wife, Jesse; two granddaughters, Danielle Baccus and Vaughney Waterfield and Drew Baccus and Greg Terranova, Jr. all of Hertford, NC; two great granddaughters, Morgan and Macy Baccus; and a brother, Aubrey Baccus and wife, Hope of Hertford, NC; two sisters, Pauline White and husband, Dempsey of Vienna, VA and Phyllis Mansfield and husband, Frank of Elizabeth City, NC. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Odell Baccus, Lindsay Baccus, Adrian Baccus and Marvin Baccus and three sisters, Leona Meads, Lessie Baccus and Ruby Baccus.

The family would like to express our thanks and love for our devoted family and extended friends; to our devoted caregivers, Jeanette Patterson and Mary Cole, for their faithfulness and care and friendship for all these years; and to our church, Woodville Pentecostal Holiness Church with such a big heart and faithful members. We ask God's blessing for each of you. Thank you to all those who took the time to visit or call, send meals or cards and for the many prayers sent up for us. Many thanks to Dr. Michael Sutton and his staff and to Family Care Pharmacy and their staff for all the help and encouragement; to Albemarle Home Care, Chris Berry, Gary and Tama Spellman, Joyce Frost, Rose Felton and all those who helped us in any way, we pray that God will bless you.

"This is not the end. It is just the beginning. It's all because of His amazing grace."

A funeral service will be held Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Fountain of Life Church. Burial will be in the Baccus Family Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, September 28, 2016 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home and at other times at the residence. Twiford Funeral Home, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City is assisting the Baccus family. You may express condolences to the family by visiting www.twifordfh.com.

DEATH NOTICE

HERTFORD — Gilbert W. Baccus Sr., 81, died on September 26, 2016. Funeral Sept. 29 at 2 p.m., at Fountain of Life Church. Visitation 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the funeral home. Arrangements by Twiford Funeral Home.

Health Department schedule

Albemarle Regional Health Services has announced the October schedule for the Perquimans County Health Department.

The health department is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Thursdays a night clinic is available until 7 p.m.

There is a fee, based on income, for most clinics. Immunizations and general clinics are held every day and other clinics are by appointment only. Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) and other communicable disease services are free. Appointments for STD services may be required.

For more information on the Children's Developmental Services Agency call 338-4044. For information about the Albemarle Regional Diabetes Care Center call 338-4370.

- Oct. 3: New Prenatal AM, General
- Oct. 4: General
- Oct. 5: Child Health PM, General, WIC
- Oct. 6: Women's Health Services, Prenatal All Day, Immunizations 5-7:00 PM
- Oct. 7: General, WIC All Day
- Oct. 10: General
- Oct. 11: General
- Oct. 12: General, WIC
- Oct. 13: Women's Health Services, Prenatal All Day, Immunizations 5-7:00 PM
- Oct. 14: General
- Oct. 17: New Prenatal PM, General
- Oct. 18: General
- Oct. 19: General, Child Health AM
- Oct. 20: Women's Health Services, Prenatal All Day, Immunizations 5-7:00 PM
- Oct. 21: General, WIC All Day
- Oct. 24: General
- Oct. 25: General, WIC
- Oct. 26: General
- Oct. 27: Women's Health Services, Prenatal All Day, Immunizations 5-7:00 PM
- Oct. 28: General, Adult Health AM
- Oct. 31: General

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■ Mt. Sinai Baptist

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will be holding revival services Oct. 2-5 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. James Harrington.

■ Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church on Church Street in Hertford will hold a Blessing of the Animals service Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. in the courtyard between the Church and the Parish Hall. For more information, contact the church office at 426-5542 or Sandy Sperry at 426-6587.

■ Woodland UMC

Woodland United Methodist Church will hold a revival Oct. 16-19 at 7 p.m. nightly with Rev. Howard Sutton of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

■ Hertford UMC

Hertford United Methodist Church will host The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For information call 426-5467.

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As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. — Mark 1:16-18

In Mark's gospel we witness an example of radical discipleship as Jesus calls his disciples. According to theologian Leonard Sweet, "In these few verses, Jesus' role as an authoritative, compelling, charismatic preacher is defined; the kernel of the gospel message is expressed; and drop-everything-discipleship - the result of seeing Jesus and hearing his message - is described."

Mark tells us that the disciples left their nets right away and followed Jesus. They didn't hem and haw; they abandoned their nets, their boats, and their livelihood right away. They walked away from their old lives, their old ways of doing things, their friends, and their families.

Why did they follow Jesus right away? They didn't pause to ask questions. Their response is simply and exclusively based on the power of Jesus' personality and message. The call of Jesus is so strong that the encumbrances upon their lives are abandoned. Immediately, they make a radical move in order to become disciples of this charismatic preacher. The new disciples take a risk by following Jesus. This Jesus of Nazareth is radical, new, and different. They notice that he preaches to the poor and the dispossessed. His message is fresh and appealing, like nothing they've heard. For the disciples, Jesus paints a message of hope for the future.

Still, we may question why the disciples turn their backs on a secure livelihood and follow this man who called them. There is only one answer: they believed Jesus' word to be true. They literally took him at his word when he declared, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent, and believe in the good news" (Mark 1:15).

The call of God in your life may not be as radical, but it can be just as meaningful. For you it may mean forsaking a familiar past for a problematic future -- like taking a new job; accepting a new position, moving to a new community, making a career change in mid-life. Life presents us with moments and times of crisis and opportunity. Why did the disciples make such a bold move? They believed Jesus' word. They felt that what he said was true and trustworthy.

Belief always involves action on our part. The disciples left their nets, boats, hired servants, and family to follow Jesus. The same is true for us. Our belief involves action on our part also. We can leave the old behind and begin again as new creatures in Jesus Christ because we too can take Jesus at his word. His word is trustworthy.

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*God Bless,
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