

Come To Church

GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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LIFE

Life has a beginning
Life has an end
In it we have enemies,
But above all else we have friends.
We have some ups
We have some downs,
We wear some smiles,
We wear some frowns,
Life makes you glad,
It makes you sad,
But we learn to take
The good and the bad.
Now that he has gone away
To a place prepared for him,
His home is a mansion with
Beauty no eyes can foresee,
There will be no more worry,
No more stress or pain,
He has gone home to Jesus
So please don't complain.
Lift your hearts,
Live your lives,
So as each day we're preparing
To meet Him in Heaven and stay.
—Dedicated to My Pastor,
Dr. B.C. Young, Sr.

CONGRATULATIONS ON

BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

GOSPEL WORLD



The Senior Choir of Shiloh Baptist Church in Kittrell will sponsor a special fellowship program Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. El. Chamble of the Promised Land Baptist Church, Newark, N.J., will be the speaker, accompanied by his choir and congregation. Rev. A.B. Morrison is pastor.

The Young's Missionary Temple Church will have a voter education program Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the church.

Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Felton Grove Baptist Church. Rev. David Massey of Penn Avenue Baptist Church is the speaker for the week. Rev. Stanley McClamb is pastor.

Revival is now in progress at 7:30 p.m. at the Raleigh Safety Club. Rev. Clarence Dandy is the speaker.

The Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell, will officially install Rev. Alfonza W. Fullwood as pastor. Dr. Gregory T. Headen will be the speaker.

Revival is now in progress nightly at 8 p.m. at the Deliverance Temple of Truth Holy Church on Six Forks Road. Bishop Ralph Donnie Graves of Fayetteville is the speaker for the week.

A musical program will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Lily of the Valley Church, with the Allbright Singers, the Singing Stars of Wendell and others.

A bus trip to Maggie Valley on the Blue Ridge Parkway will begin Saturday, Oct. 15. For more information, call 1-556-5626 or 556-2937.

Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at St. Augusta Freewill Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina. Pastor W.J. Cox is the speaker for the week.

The Raleigh Union Society Lodges of N.C. will observe their 100th anniversary Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, 609 Quarry St., with Morning Star Gospel Choir, the Halifax Missionary Baptist Choir and others.

An appreciation service for Elder Charlie Best will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Mincey Chapel Church in Kenley.

The Wendell First Baptist Church will sponsor a "Dolls on Parade" program Saturday at 6 p.m.

Homecoming will be observed Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church of New Hill Road. Rev. Terry Thomas and First Baptist Church, New Hill, will be in charge of the service.

The 35th singing anniversary of Bro. Tate Johnson will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Mt. Olive Holiness Church on Bloodworth Street, with the Gospel Trumpets of Sanford, the Gospel Servants of Burlington and others.

Bishop Timpson and the Young Adult Choir will be in charge of service Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Kathy Evans will be the speaker Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the same location for the Sunday School's fifth anniversary.

The Abundant Life Temple of Jesus Christ, 139-A West Main St., Garner, will have services Wednesday and Friday nights at 8 p.m. Elder Daniel Williams will be the speaker.

Mt. Zion Holiness Church, Zebulon, will observe homecoming Saturday at 5 p.m. with Evangelist Eva Burroughs Adams presented in concert, a Mess Choir, and Eugene Davis and the Davis Family of Raleigh. On Sunday at 11:30 a.m., Ms. Viola Powell

ANNIVERSARY

Belated but happy congratulations and best wishes on the first anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Leach of 606-A Smithdale Drive, Raleigh, Sept. 26. May you two so live that you will be around to celebrate many, many more. Please accept our congratulations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birth greetings are extended to Douglas A. Freeman of Wake Forest, who celebrated another birthday on Oct. 5. May you live to celebrate many, many more of the same.

Birthdays greetings also to Michael Chavis of 810 Postell St. who celebrated another birthday on Oct. 6. May you live to celebrate many, many more.

NOTE:

Thanks for your calls at this time. A bit of sadness came to us last week and we were unable to be in place. Don't forget to call us this week as we may be able to serve you.

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION
Despite the horror and sadness that hung over the heads of the congregation due to the death of the pastor, Dr. B.C. Young, Sr., the services went on. Church School began at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Deacon Jesse Degraffenreid, in charge and conducting the devotional period. Classes then moved to their places and began lesson study periods. At the close of these, all classes reassembled to listen to a review of the lesson given by Troy Grabb. Remarks and announcements followed. Then came class reports and the awarding of banners for both finance and attendance. The singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mission ended this phase of worship.

Organ and piano preludes began at 10:55 a.m. with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys and Ms. Sandra Byrd, respectively. Then came the processional led by members of the Senior Choir and Spiritual Chorus, singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." As they paused around the altar, the call to worship, scripture, song of praise, invocation and choral response were given.

The first hymn of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was sung. The responsive reading from the special readings, "The Lord's Supper," was led by Lee Wyatt King. The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture lesson was then read by Troy Bragg. Prayer was offered by Neal Sanders. The second hymn of "Blessed Assurance" was sung. The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed, as led by Bro. King. The announcements and recognition of visitors were done by this reporter.

The song of inspiration was the spiritual by the Senior Choir, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Pastoral prayer and altar call followed, with Ms. Ethel Morris offering the prayer. A selection of "You Don't Have Nothing if You Don't Have Jesus" was rendered by the Spiritual Chorus. Presiding Elder P.J. Stroud then presented Dr. Robert Graham of Buffalo, N.Y., who delivered a message from Exodus.

After the selection, "As We Go Sweeping Through the City," the in-

itation to Christian discipleship was extended as the choir and congregation sang "Come Humble Sinner in Whose Breast." The offering, Doxology, benediction, recessional and postlude meditation closed the service.

At 2:30 p.m., funeral services were held for the pastor, Dr. Stroud, the presiding elder of the Dunn-Lillington District, presided. The sermon was delivered by Bishop John H. Miller, Sr., the presiding prelate of the Central N.C. Conference of the AME Zion Church. His subject was "God's Good Man."
Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

SHAW DIVINITY COMMUNITY

Sunday School was called to order at 10 a.m. by Rev. Joyceline Thompson. The subject of the lesson was "Hope for Tomorrow," taken from Jeremiah 29:1-14. The purpose of the lesson is to show learners that Christians look to the future, and that it should be understood that sometimes the environment we are in can keep us from doing our best. This should not stop us from doing what we have to do, however.

After Sunday School adjourned, all present remained for church services. Worship service began with Rev. Thompson welcoming all and allowing everyone to express their thanks for being alive and in church on this Sunday morning.

After prayer and hymns, the message was brought by Dr. Larkin Rossitter, acting dean of Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Rossitter spoke on the importance of confessing one's sins, whether it's to a minister or a next-door neighbor. The important thing is to get it out so that you may go on to live productive lives. After the hymn for the collection, Holy Communion was served. It was left to each individual present to decide whether or not he or she should accept Communion. After altar prayer, church was dismissed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Night is Wednesday at 7 p.m., with Bible study at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School opens at 9:45 a.m. with morning worship at 11 a.m.

Come Let's Think

BY EVAL PERRY

Before faith came, man was not able to enter and live in a vital union with God... where His very life flowed through him. Man's relationship was based upon the law.

Then Jesus came and with Him came faith! Yes, faith came with Jesus himself. He is the Author and Finisher of our faith. Jesus taught faith, and demonstrated faith. He, being the Son of God, really manifested the God-kind of faith—supernatural faith—wherein nothing is impossible.

Now this is God's gift to the church through Jesus Christ. "As many as believed on Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." Certain signs shall follow those people who are the sons of God. All of the signs are powerful, being coupled with love. "Man has nothing in himself but that he receives it from above." Thus we see that faith is the gift of God. Faith works only by love. Love is God, and God is love. Faith is not a natural possession. This God-kind of faith is supernatural and is always the free gift of God.

If you are saved, you have the measure of this wonderful faith. I am exhorting you to stir up the gift that is in you now! Live clean, and put your faith into operation now! "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen." God loves you and it is His delight to bless you! Come boldly to the throne of grace and ask God for help in the time of need! Speak the word and God will bring it to pass. Bless somebody through your faith-power. Remember, the God-kind of faith works by love. This kind of love aims to please God, and to bless His people. Think about it.

Faith always sees a star of hope. The God-kind of faith really is a knowing—you know, that you know, that you know. You just know it. You just see it on the inside of yourself. All things are possible for those who believe. So now, receive the end of your faith! The just shall live by his faith. We walk by faith and not by sight. Make a study of this kind of faith.

Read your Bible prayerfully and think!

NAACP Meets

The Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP will hold its monthly meeting on Sunday, Oct. 9, at 4 p.m. at Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 E. Martin St. The nominating committee will be elected. The executive committee will meet at 3 p.m.

Portia Brandon is president and Gertrude Pope is secretary.

A church social will be held the last Saturday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The acting church reporter is Rev. Evelyn Harrison Jervay.

FIRST BAPTIST

Services began at 11 a.m. for Worldwide Communion Sunday. Prayer before worship was extended. Music was rendered by Ms. Lonieta Cornwall, minister of music. The prelude was followed by the call to worship by the interim pastor, Rev. Nathaniel Boykin. The musical call to worship was given by the Senior Choir. The invocation came from Rev. Marilyn Goss-wint, followed by the acts of praise by Rev. Sylvester White.

The Scripture was read by Rev. Goss-wint, followed by pastoral prayer by Rev. John Prince. Recognition of visitors was done by Ms. Marlene S. Jones. Announcements came from Deacon Randolph Bazemore. The presentation of gifts and offerings came from Rev. White.

Rev. Boykin brought the sermon, "Ask God for Daily Bread." This was followed by the sacrament of Holy Communion, served by the interim pastor and deacons. The postlude came from Ms. Cornwall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you plan to vote in November, the last day to register will be Oct. 10 at 5 p.m.

The following persons will serve on the Finance Committee for October: D.W. Bishop, William McNair, Ms. Mary D. Moore, Ms. Lucille Paige, Ms. Marjorie Phillips, Robert Powell, Ms. Lillie Scott and J.E. Speed.

Annual Women's Day will be held Sunday, Oct. 16.

Baptismal services will be held on Sunday, Oct. 23, during the 11 a.m. service.

The 12 missionary groups will meet Thursday, Oct. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level. All church members are asked to be present. Please call the church office at 832-1649 or Ms. Margaret Hargrove at 755-6620 or 834-4116 if you are not sure of your group number. Refreshments will be served by Group No. 10. Deacon Ernest Davis is group leader.

Next Sunday, Oct. 9, from 4-6 p.m., the BTU will sponsor the third in a series of special sessions on child evangelism, "How to Effectively Witness the Gospel to Children of All Age Levels." All members of the Sunday School staff are asked to be present as well as any other interested persons. This special training session will be led by Harold Bailey, missionary director, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Wake County Chapter. Please come and make this event a success.

The Women's Day speaker will be Ms. Rebecca Turner of Baltimore, Md. Wake County has completed a renovation project of what was the Crosby Garfield School located on Lenoir Street. It is now the Wake County Health and Youth Service Center. Programs housed in this new facility include a Department of Health clinic, a Youth Services Center for teenagers who are referred to them; Head Start and Learning Together.

Carlotta J. Merritt is church reporter.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Services opened at 6 a.m., with Ms. Fayge M. White in charge of the praise service. Sunday School opened at 9:20 a.m., with Luther Perry presiding. The subject of the lesson was "Disappointing Vineyard," Isaiah 5:7.

Morning worship began at 11 a.m., with Luther Perry presiding. The Senior Choir rendered the music, with Ms. Cheryl Caldwell at the organ and Ms. Anne Lott at the piano. Responsive reading was taken from Titus 2 and 3, titled "Concerning God's Grace." Prayer was offered by Ms. Claudia Davis.

Rev. James Lewis took his sermon from Psalms 20:1-9 on the subject, "Victory Assured By God's Power and God's Presence." Announcements were given by Ms. Barbara Stewart. The invitation was called and the prayer room was opened for souls to be prayed for.

JESUS BLESSES LITTLE CHILDREN

Once when some mothers were bringing their children to Jesus to bless them, the disciples shooed them away, telling them not to bother Him. But when Jesus saw what was happening, He was very much displeased with His disciples and said to them, "Let the children come to me, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as they. Don't send them away."

"I tell you as seriously as I know how that anyone who refuses to come to God as a little child will never be allowed into His kingdom."

Then He took the children into His arms and placed His hands on their heads and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A teachers' meeting will be held Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Fellowship Hour begins Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 7 p.m., midweek

prayer service is held.

Choir rehearsal takes place Thursday at 7 p.m.

The first Sunday in November will be the annual Harvest Tea.

Members on the sick and shut-in list are Ms. Irilla Boose, Ms. Pansy Brown, Ms. Dezonnia Conyers, Ms. Marjorie Nixon, Ms. Georgia Williams, Ms. Ruth Banks, Ms. Gussie McKenzie, Sylvester Brown, Theodore Brown, Dorsey Butler and Tessie Bell. Remember to pray for the sick and suffering everywhere.

Church reporter is Ms. Bettie Jean Perry.

SMITH TEMPLE FREEWILL BAPTIST

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the call to worship was given by Pastor Theodore McAllister, Jr., as the Senior Choir sang "Revive Us Again." After the invocation and chant, the first hymn was "Trust and Obey." The pastor led the responsive reading and the affirmation of faith. The next hymn was "Heavenly Sunlight." Elder Edward Williams of California read Psalms 24 in its entirety for the morning scripture. Deacon Ernest Sloan led the morning prayer.

As the Senior Ushers collected the mission offering, the choir sang "It's Wonderful to Live for Jesus." Mother Lenora Morris read the morning announcements and gave recognition to visitors. All members are reminded to visit or call the sick and shut-in members. During the general and special building fund offering, the choir sang "Have a Little Talk with Jesus" and "Jesus Found Me Just in Time."

Rev. McAllister led the altar prayer. The choral response was "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior." The pre-message selection by the choir was "You Don't Have Nothing if You Don't Have Jesus." Rev. McAllister's text was taken from John 15:15 and his subject was "Abide in the Vine." He spoke of how when a branch is separated from the vine it cannot survive, but as long as it is a part of the vine it receives everything it needs. Furthering the analogy, just as you cultivate a vine to make it grow and thrive, we must also cultivate our religion in order to grow and prosper in the grace of the Lord. By abiding in the vine we can find truthfulness, honesty, kindness, prayerfulness, cheerfulness, humility, peacefulness, friendliness, bravery, purity, dependability and love.

The invitation to Christian discipleship was extended as the choir sang "Coming Home." Following the benediction, the congregation went into the Holy Communion services.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members are reminded that Sunday, Oct. 9, will be set aside for the blessing of infants. Parents should contact the church secretary, Mother Lenora Harris.

Also beginning on Sunday, Oct. 9, the annual revival services will be observed. The evangelist for the week is Elder John W. McNeill, pastor of St. Augusta Freewill Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina. All are invited to share this week of spiritual rejuvenation.

Michael W. Brown is church reporter.

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. for Deacon's Day, with the superintendent, Mother Olive Turner, in charge. The subject was "A Disappointing Vineyard," Isaiah 5:1-7, 22-24.

At 11 a.m., devotional service was conducted by evangelist Joann Fryer and Rev. Vivian Humphrey. Scripture was taken from Psalms 9:1, with Eldress Mary White presiding. Musicians were Samuel Peterkin, Jr., Pastor V.L. Peterkin and Tiwan Perry. Music was offered by the M.S. Batchelor Gospel Choir, beginning with "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer was offered by Pastor Charlie Atkinson, followed by the chant, "What a Friend." The song, "I Got a Feeling," led by Mother A.B. Blackmon, was followed by the introduction of the speaker.

After the song of praise by the M.S. Batchelor Choir, "I Go to the Rock," led by Mother Blackmon, the message was brought by Eldress V.L. Peterkin from Acts 9:1-4 on the subject, "It Is Hard for Thee to Kick Against the Pricks," telling the church that it is time to get serious.

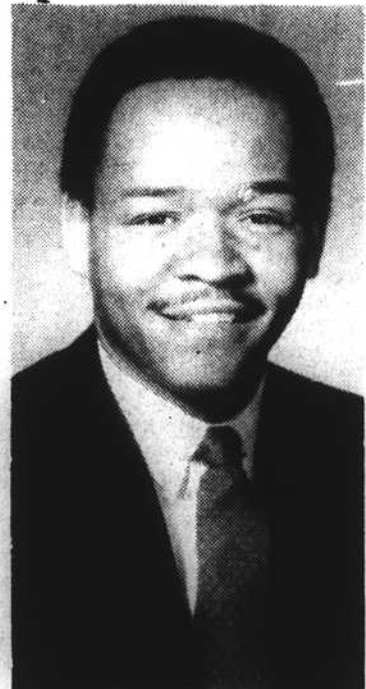
At 5 p.m., Deacons' Day devotional service was conducted by Evangelist Mary Alston and Ms. Karen Richardson, with Eldress Peterkin presiding. Music was brought by the Male Chorus of Mount Pleasant Holy Church. The opening song was "Brother Noah." Scripture was taken from I Timothy 3:8-18 by Eldress Mary White, followed by the song, "Ride This Train." The speaker was introduced by Pastor Charlie Atkinson.

Bishop Ernest Hinnant of Mt. Pleasant Holy Church took his message from Luke 18:1-8 on the subject of "Prayer," telling his listeners that men ought to always pray and not to faint. Don't give up.

Remarks and benediction were given by Bishop Hinnant.

Church reporter is Mother A.B. Blackmon.

Attend Church



REV. DENNIS EDWARDS

Rev. Edwards Guest Speaker At Anniversary

Laodicea United Church of Christ will celebrate their annual Men's Day anniversary Sunday, Oct. 9.

The speaker for the 11 o'clock service will be Rev. Dennis Raphael Edwards, former pastor of Garland Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Va.

Rev. Edwards, a native of Suffolk, Va., received his early education in the Suffolk City School System. He's a graduate of Virginia Union University with a BA in Journalism and a minor in Religion and Philosophy. Rev. Edwards has also done graduate studies in the Master of Divinity program at the School of Theology, Virginia Union University.

While in Raleigh, he is a general assignment reporter with the CBS Affiliate, WRAL-TV Channel 5. He has been an anchor, producer and reporter for television stations in St. Louis and Richmond; a corporate spokesman on Coal and Environmental issues for Virginia Electric and Power Co., a television-media consultant for the division of Ministries of the Virginia Baptist General Board and World Visions' Get Hungry Project. Rev. Edwards holds membership in the Sigma Delta Chi Society of Professional Journalists.

Rev. Edwards was licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Baptist Church of Suffolk, Va., Rev. Isaac Williams, pastor.

He is married to the former Lisa Antoinette Hubbard of Richmond, Va.

The public is invited to come out to share, fellowship and praise the Lord. Rev. G. C. Hawkins is pastor.