

GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU
Wouldn't this old world be better
If the folks we meet would say—
I know something good about you,
And treat us just that way?
Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
If each handclasp, fond and true,
Carried with it this assurance,
I know something good about you?
Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If the good that's in us all
Were the only thing about us
That folks bothered to recall?
Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we praised the good we see?
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me.
Wouldn't it be nice to practice
That fine way of thinking, too?
You know something good about me,
I know something good about you.
—Louis C. Shimon

MEN'S DAY TO BE OBSERVED
Annual Men's Day services will be observed at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Sunday, July 9, at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville. The public is invited to hear this great speaker. Music will be rendered by the Male Chorus of the church and a group from FSU.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Birthday greetings are extended to the following:
Harold Moore, Jr., of 855 North Sixth St., Philadelphia, Pa., July 13.
Yvonne Moore of Garner, July 16.
Tonya Hunter, Walnut Street, July

Many happy returns of the day. Your life is the result of the decisions you make. These are nieces and a nephew of Ms. Mabel Moses of 801 S. East St.

CHECK-UP MEETING TO BE HELD
The third in a series of check-up meetings of the Central North Carolina Conference of the AME Zion Church will be held at Oak Grove AME Zion Church, Erwin, Saturday, July 8, opening at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Bishop John H. Miller, Sr. will be presiding.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY
On the 4th day of July in 1776 The Declaration of Independence was justified and fixed!
It's a great day we celebrate
And all we look forward to:
When families and friends get Together
And have a big barbecue.
Some people go fishing in rivers,
Some fish in creeks,
Some go boat sailing,
And some people go to the beach.
People drive for hundreds of miles,
While others take planes and fly.
Just to be home with their families
On the 4th day of July.
With all sincerity I bow my head
And to the Lord I pray,
That each and every one will have
A happy and safe 4th of July holiday!

NOTE:
Thanks for your calls and correspondence. I'll be listening this week for your holiday guests.

BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

GOSPEL WORLD

A musical program will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Cedar Rock Baptist Church in New Hill, with Bro. Ed Hall and the Evening Five, the New Horizons of Holly Springs, St. Mary Male Chorus of Apex and others.

The Senior Missionaries of Alston Memorial United Holy Church will observe its eighth anniversary Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Evangelist Connie Williams of Burlington will be the speaker. Music will be provided by the Deliverance Fellowship Tabernacle Choir.

The Lyon Sisters will observe their 13th singing anniversary Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Christian Chapel United Church of Christ, Apex.

Bishop Timpson will be in charge of service Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church in Willow Springs.

Elder Martha Thorpe will be in charge of services Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Neighbors Grove Church, Dunn, with St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church. Elder Judy Stewart is pastor.

The Inspirational Choir of South Main Street Baptist Church in Louisburg will sponsor a ministry through music workshop Friday at 6:30 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Ms. Carol Antrom of Philadelphia, Pa. will be the speaker.

The annual Holy Convocation is now in progress nightly at the Greater Ebenezer Holiness Church, 1010 Hwy. Overseer W.R. Turner is pastor.

Service is now in progress nightly at 8 p.m. at the Raleigh Safety Club. Rev. Clarence Dandy is in charge.

The first anniversary of Mt. Sinai Church will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Mt. Sinai Holy Church, 301 S. Swain St., with the church's Everready Choir, Cary, the Great Pentecostal Mass Choir of Raleigh and others.

Women's Day will be observed Sunday at 11 a.m. at Eagle Rock United Church of Christ. Rev. Patricia Hall, associate pastor of St. Matthew Baptist Church, will be the speaker.

Elder Randolph Hedgepeth will render service Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Faith Healing Center with the BLW Ensemble.

The Senior Missionary Circle of Christian Home United Church of Christ of Apex will observe its 45th anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. Robert Talley will be the speaker, with the Talley Gospel Singers.

Outreach service will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at Congregational Church. Rev. Howard Winston will be the speaker. Rev. Ellis Keith is pastor.

Nonday prayer service will be held Saturday at noon at Gethsemane True-Vine Holiness Church, 725 E. Martin St. Sunday School will take place Sunday at 10 a.m. Women's

Day service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the same location. Bishop Mildred Ruffin will be the speaker. Bishop Robert Henry is pastor.

Rev. Otis McAllister and the Church of Jesus will render service Sunday at 6 p.m. at Matthews Chapel Church, Hwy. 55, Apex, for the Pastor's Aid.

The Gills and Upchurch family reunion will be held Saturday at 1 p.m. at 329 S. Wassau St., Youngsville. All members are asked to bring a covered dish.

A yard sale will be held Saturday at 9 a.m. at Smith Temple Church in the parking lot.

Rev. Sis. Celia H. Thompson's pastoral anniversary is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Olive Holiness Church, with different speakers nightly.

Zebulon First Baptist Church, 304 East St. in Zebulon, will observe its 76th anniversary Saturday at 7:30 p.m. Rev. John T. Parks, Jr. will be the speaker. On Sunday afternoon, Rev. E.G. Everette will speak. Dinner will be served after the 11 a.m. service.

Johnston Piney Grove Gospel Chorus will observe its 19th singing anniversary Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at the church in Clayton.

The O'Bryant Chapel AME Zion Church, 509 Chapel Lane, Chapel Hill, revival will begin Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. Stanley McClain of Felton Grove Baptist Church will be the speaker.

The annual Joyner and Johnson family reunion will be held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Pine Acres Community Center, Fuquay-Varina. Each family is asked to bring a picnic basket.

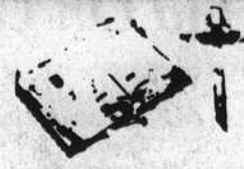
Bible school is now in progress from 6-8 p.m. at Oakley Grove Church. Men's Day will be celebrated Sunday at 11 a.m. at the same location. Rev. Roger Brodie will be the speaker, with Beltonville Male Chorus.

New Rock Spring United Church of Christ family will observe the anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Richard Carnegie, Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Ronald Sewell of Chesapeake, Va., will be the speaker, with the Young Adult Choir.

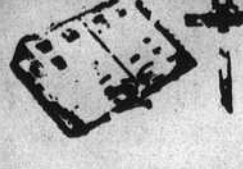
Missionary revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Alston Memorial Holy Church in Cedar Grove, with different speakers nightly.

Vacation Bible School is now in progress at Lee's Crossroad Baptist Church from 6-7 p.m. Annual Children's Day will take place Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the same location. Rev. Melvin Salmon of Durham will be the speaker. Breakfast will be served.

The Merritt family reunion will be held Saturday at the (M) Building in Zebulon. All members are asked to be



Come To Church



DELIVERANCE CATHEDRAL OF LOVE

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with morning worship and praise service led by brothers Cooper, Pulley, Clarke, Parker and Barnes. Deacons Myatt and Scott served. Prayer was given by Evangelist Cheryl Grissom. Visitors were welcomed by Mother Mildred Grissom.

Musical selections included "Precious Lord, Take My Hand," led by Quay Smith; "Praying Spirit," led by Pamela Scott; and "Deliverance," led by Ms. Connie Bridges.

Speaker for the morning was Bishop M.S. Nesbitt, who brought scripture from Psalms 84 on the subject, "We're Going On." The morning service began with the members marching around singing "I'm Going On."

Evening service began at 8 p.m. with altar prayer. The choir sang "I Can't Forget" as the offering was collected.

The DC Action Choir sang "Touch

Me One More Time," led by Bro. Tommy Johnson; "I Need Your Spirit," led by James Lucas; and "Let It Shine," with Ms. Linda Evans and Tommy Johnson.

The message came from Mark 6:1 on the subject, "God Has Healing Hands." The members were exhorted to have faith, trust the Lord. When Jesus arose, He showed them His pierced hands. Jesus' hands healed sick bodies; His hands raised the dead; Jesus' hands healed blinded eyes. Jesus' hands were stretched out.

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

Church School began at 9:30 a.m., with the assistant superintendent, L.W. Hall, in charge. As usual, the devotional period was conducted while all classes were assembled. At the close of these, all classes moved to their places for lesson study period for at least 20 minutes. Then they returned to the sanctuary for a general review of the lesson. Remarks and announcements follow-

ed. These were followed by class reports and awarding of banners. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mizpah, this phase of worship ended.

At 10:55 a.m., the musical preludes began with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys on the organ and Ms. Sandra Byrd at the piano. Then came the processional, led by members of the Senior Choir and Spiritual Chorus, who marched in singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." It was the first Sunday and also Communion Sunday, and all seemed to be in tune with the occasion. As they paused around the altar, the call to worship and scripture were given by the pastor, Rev. C.E. Willie, III.

Minister Says Take Position On South Africa

BY ROBBIE CRUMP-MCCOY

FLINT, Mich.—"George, what about South Africa? George, what about South Africa?"

These five words were thundered several times by the Rev. Dr. Avery Aldridge as he delivered the annual address in his capacity as president of the Wolverine State Congress of Christian Education to an audience of more than 3,000 at the Foss Avenue Baptist Church. It was the 70th annual session of the congress.

Dr. Aldridge continued to ask the question as if the president of the United States was by his side. "George," he repeated, "...we have had horror stories coming out of China. I appreciate the things President Bush is doing in the name of freedom and justice. But, George, what about South Africa? Why are the world's courts of justice silent concerning the horror of apartheid? If we are going to shed tears, why not shed them over South Africa (as well as) the Middle East situation and China's horror?"

"[Also] please take a closer look at the home front where entire communities can get drugs but no decent housing. Drugs but no quality education. Drugs but no scholarships. Jails but no jobs. Drugs but no open doors to complete freedom."

Dr. Aldridge warned, "Our nation is the greatest in the world... we have all kinds of resources, why not stop the flow of drugs from the larger community? Why not develop programs for quality housing? Why not give needy jobs 12 months instead of three months? Why not make funds available for development in all communities?"

Rev. Aldridge is director-general of the nearly eight million-member National Baptist Congress of Christian Education that convened June 19-23 in Nashville, Tenn. He is also pastor of the 6,000-member Foss Avenue Baptist Church and is on the executive committee of the World Baptist Center in Nashville. A recently built housing complex in Flint has been named the Avery Aldridge Place after the minister.

Woman Nominated For President Of Christian Church

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—A black woman was nominated as a candidate for president of the 1.7 million-member United Church of Christ recently.

Delegates at the annual meeting in Fort Worth were to decide whether to choose the Rev. Yvonne V. Delk to succeed the Rev. Avry D. Post as the denomination's president.

If she wins, Ms. Delk would be the first black and the first woman to be elected to head the denomination, according to the Dallas Morning News. She currently serves as executive director for the Office for Church in Society.

The Rev. Paul H. Sherry of Chicago also was nominated by the 17th General Synod's nominating committee. Sherry serves as executive director of the church's Community Renewal Society.

Post has headed the United Church of Christ for 12 years and is stepping down in October.

Another black, the Rev. Joseph Evans, briefly served as president in 1977, but he was appointed to fill an interim term and was not elected.

DEATHS

MS. CLARA HOUGH
Ms. Clara Hough passed away on June 29. Services were held July 3 at First Cosmopolitan United Church of Christ. Arrangements were handled by Haywood Funeral Home.

JOHNNY A. WILLIAMS
Johnny Angelo Williams, 20, of 1617-B Burgundy St., passed away June 27. Services were held July 3 at Lea Funeral Home. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

MS. RUTH O. WHITFIELD
Ms. Ruth O. Whitfield, of 204-B Farington Drive, passed away June 28. Services were held at Lea Funeral Home and burial followed at Malaby's Crossroads Church cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Lea Funeral Home.

JAMES TAYLOR
James Taylor, of 416 Montague Lane, died June 29. Funeral was held at 11 a.m. July 3 at Lea Funeral Home. Burial followed in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are daughter, Gladys Williams of Raleigh; foster daughter,

Wanda Reid of Raleigh; son, James T. Taylor of Raleigh; sisters, Dorothy Taylor, Daisy Neil and Kate Bozier, all of New York, Mary Henderson and Annie Walker, both of Henderson; brothers, Jack Taylor and Samuel Taylor, both of Richmond, Va., and Ammie Taylor of New York; and two grandchildren.

JACOB L. JONES
Jacob L. Jones, of 902 New Bern Avenue, died June 28. Graveside services were held June 30 at Oakwood Cemetery.

Surviving are a wife, Estelle K. Jones; daughter, Jacqueline Jones of the home; foster sister, Rebecca LaSane of Raleigh. Arrangements were handled by Haywood Funeral Home.

MS. AILEEN WALKER
Ms. Aileen Walker of 753 St. George Road died June 25. Services were held June 30 at Poplar Springs United Church of Christ. Burial followed in the church cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Haywood Funeral Home.

Minister Loses Pulpit After Inviting Blacks

LOACHAPOKA, Ala. (AP)—A pastor removed from the pulpit of an all-white church after inviting blacks to a revival said churches should take the lead in human relations by opening their doors to all people.

"If the church is not in the forefront, who can blame people for saying the church is prejudiced?" said John Clark, a 21-year-old senior at Auburn University. "What you have now is de facto segregation."

Clark, who said the congregation helps fund missionary work in Africa, was voted out of the pulpit of Loachapoka Baptist Church on the first Sunday in June.

"It wasn't anything based on Scriptures," he said. "It was just the way things are. The people told me that blacks worshipped in a different manner."

Tom Robbins, a deacon at the church, confirmed that Clark was removed because he invited blacks to a revival. He said he had no further comment on the secret vote, other than the count was 9-6 to fire Clark.

Clark said he was hired as pastor a year ago, when the 25-member church was having services only twice a month.

"I got them to have service every Sunday," he said, "and then made plans for the first revival to be held here in years."

As part of the planning, he said, he went into the community—about 300 people live here—and invited residents to attend.

"I went to houses where whites lived and to houses where blacks lived," he said. "When I got to the first black house where a black woman lived, I was a little uncertain. But I told her about the revival and I think she was

flabbergasted. She said she would come."

Clark said that the day after he made his rounds of the community he told church members about the response.

At that point, a deacon asked him, "You didn't invite any Negroes, did you?"

"I told them that yes I had," he said. "Nothing was said then, but the next day I got a telephone call from the man, and he said the church members were upset that I had usurped the authority of the board of deacons."

Clark said the revival, which was to have been the second week of June, was not held.

Ironically, he said, the church sends money to the Southern Baptist headquarters in Richmond, Va., which funds missionary work in Africa.

"They rejoice over it, but if an African came here he couldn't come to the church. It's the height of hypocrisy," Clark said.

Clark said he plans to graduate from Auburn and has been thinking of entering a seminary.

"I'm not sure," he said. "I was raised a Southern Baptist and was proud of it. But sometimes that's where you find the most prejudice."

Loachapoka Baptist Church was founded in 1840.

"In those days the churches would allow slaves to attend services, but would never say anything about slavery," he said. "That same mind-set continues today. And that's what disturbs me most. The only reason there is a so-called 'black church' is because the whites would not allow them to come to their churches. Racism is not gone."

Methodist Memberships Dropping Puerto Rico

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—United Methodist membership in the United States and Puerto Rico fell below the nine million mark during 1968, according to unofficial figures compiled by Newscope here and published in the June 30 issue.

Based on reports to the weekly newsletter and to United Methodist Communications, the loss for 1968 was about 2,000, resulting in total lay and clerical membership of approximately 8,800,000. About 2,000 members are in Africa, Europe and

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the Philippines. Declines ranged up to 6,000 in the West Ohio Annual Conference, 5,388 in East Ohio, and 4,789 in Iowa. Thirteen conferences, mostly in the southern half of the nation, reported increases, with 3,438 in North Georgia heading the list. Official 1968 membership statistics will be published later by the General Council on Finance and Administration.

The song of praise, invocation and choral response of "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" followed. The first hymn of preparation, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross," was followed by the responsive reading for the 27th Sunday morning, "A Call to Good Citizenship," led by the pastor.

The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture lesson was then read by the pastor from Psalms 24. This was followed by the pastoral prayer. The second hymn of praise, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," was sung. The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. The announcements were made by the pastor and this reporter.

The ministry of kindness and altar call were next. Selections, "His Yoke is Easy," with Ms. Delores Bumpers as soloist, and "Precious Lord," with Ms. Ethel Ridley as soloist, were done by the Spiritual Chorus. During the ministry of kindness, the Senior Choir sang "Real, Real, Jesus is Real to Me."

The pastor then delivered the morning message, having chosen his discourse from II Kings 5:7 on the subject, "Foolish Pride." As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, the choir sang "Come, Humble Sinner in Whose Breast." The offering, recognition of visitors and administering of the Communion were performed by the pastor. The benediction and organ postlude closed the service.

Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST
Morning worship began at 11 a.m. with the call to worship led by Rev. P.R. Jones.

The service started with the hymn, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Responsive reading was led by Harold Nance, followed by the hymn, "Yield Not to Temptation."

Scripture was read by Deacon David Gill from Romans 4:16-25. Morning prayer was offered by Deacon Ralph Justice.

Children's Hour was given by Ms. Mary Ann Justice and children. The hymn, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian," was followed by announcements by Ms. Ann Dunn.

The morning offering was lifted by the Senior Ushers and Rev. Jones gave the offertory prayer.

Altar prayer was offered by Deacon David Gill. On the sick list were Deacon Wilson Thornton, James Jackson, Eva Thompson, Lillian Dunn, Ruby Dunn, Lillie Lundsford, Lizzie Massenburg and Mozelle Wall.

The spiritual, "I Got a New Home," was followed by the morning message.

Rev. Jones took his text from Romans 4:19-21 on the subject, "God is Able." The invitational hymn, "Walk in the Light," was followed by the benediction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Revival will be held July 3-7 at 7:30 p.m.

Women's Day service will be held July 16 at 11 a.m.
The Junior Ushers will meet Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. JoAnn Fort is church reporter

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Services opened at 6 a.m., with Ms. Fayger M. White in charge of the early morning prayer service. Sunday School began at 9:20 a.m., with the Superintendent Luther Perry in charge. The subject of the lesson was "Deliverance and Disobedience," taken from Judges 2:18.

Morning worship began at 11 a.m. with Isaac White in charge. The Senior Choir rendered the music, with Ms. Rowena Hunter at the piano. Responsive reading was taken from Psalms 51:1-3, 7-15 titled "A Prayer of Penitence." Prayer was given by Isaac White.

Rev. James W. Lewis took his sermon from II Chronicles 6:12-21 on the subject, "Consecrating God's House and God's People." Announcements were given by Ms. Barbara Stewart. The invitation was called and the prayer room was opened for souls to be prayed for. The offering for the morning was lifted and church was dismissed by the pastor, Rev. Lewis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Prayer and Bible study service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

On Thursday at 7 p.m., choir rehearsal will take place.

The pastor will be on vacation July 9-16.

On July 15 at 5:30 p.m., a singles' ministry cookout will be held at the home of Ms. Bernice Cooley.

The New Spirit Gospel Choir will be presented in concert July 16, at the First Church of God, 1219 Boyer St. at 4 p.m.

Members on the sick and shut-in list include Ms. Pansy Brown, Ms. Nora Williams, Ms. Georgia Williams, Johnnie Conyers, Ms. Nona Whitaker, Willie Conyers, Charles Debnam and Dorsey Butler. Remember to pray for the sick and suffering everywhere. Prayer is the key to Heaven and faith unlocks the door.

Church reporter is Ms. Bettie Jean Perry.