

## GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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God, grant me the serenity  
To accept the things  
I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And the wisdom to know the  
Difference.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Belated but happy birthday greetings are extended to Ms. Pearl Jackson of 842 E. Lenoir St., who celebrated another birthday on Friday, July 20. May you live to celebrate many, many more.

### SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

Our love and heartfelt sympathy are extended to the Alston and Burch families at this time in the loss of their loved ones. Our prayer is that

you will find the comfort that you need in knowing that earth has no sorrows that Heaven cannot heal.

### FIFTH SATURDAY MEETINGS TO BE HELD

The Christian Education Department of the Raleigh District, AME Zion Church, will hold another in a series of fifth Saturday meetings on Saturday, July 20, at Norrington AME Zion Church, Lillington, opening at 10 a.m. All adults, youth and children are invited to attend.

### NOTE:

We missed your call as usual by being out of town, but we continue to listen, so please don't forget. Call this week.

## BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

# GOSPEL WORLD



The New Golden Wings of Selma will sing Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Sis. Peacock's Church in Benson with others.

The sick committees of the Forestville First Baptist Church will sponsor a program Sunday at 3 p.m. Ms. Estell Murphy will be the speaker, with the choir of Gospel Unlimited Church near Wake Forest.

The Pilgrim Travelers of Zebulon will be presented in concert Sunday at 6 p.m. at White Oak Baptist Church near Spring Hope.

Bishop Stanley McKinney will render service Friday at the House of Praise in Newton Grove on the Pastor's Aide and Nurses' program.

The Fogg family reunion will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at Woodland Chapel Baptist Church, followed by a musical program at 12:30 p.m. featuring the Wings of Faith, Wake Forest, the Fogg Brothers of Wake Forest and others. Dinner will be served.

A building fund program will take place Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Christian Home Church, Apex. Rev. Richard Davis will be the speaker. Music will be provided by Ms. Joanne Taylor.

The Young Adult Choir of McKoy's Grove Church will observe its 10th anniversary Saturday evening. Rev. Jesse L. Vaughan and Winston-Salem will be the speaker. The services will continue Sunday at 2:30 p.m. with a musical program at the same location.

An appreciation program for Deacon James Terrell will be held Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at Good Samaritan Baptist Church, featuring the Gospel Jubilees and many others.

A Revelation Seminar will take place Sunday at 7 p.m. at Gethsemane Seventh Day Adventist Church, 2525 Sanderford Road, for three nights per week, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Bro. Frank Jones will preach his initial sermon Sunday at 5 p.m. at New Grassy Creek Baptist Church, Oxford.

Elder Martha Thorpe and the Young People's Christian League will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church, Willow Springs.

Pope's Chapel Youth Choir will sponsor a musical program Sunday at 3 p.m., featuring the Spiritual Lites, the Voices of Christ of Roxboro, First Baptist Young Adult Choir of Franklinton and others.

Tate Johnson, the Carolina Gospel Singers, the Happy Travelers of Graham, the Morning Stars and others will sing Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, Rolesville.

The Hamlet Chapel Male Chorus will sponsor a program Sunday at 6 p.m. at Staunton Memorial Church, Pittsboro.

The Variety Gospel Chorus of Cedar Rock New Hill will observe its first anniversary Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Wake Chapel Baptist Church will observe its annual Men's Day Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. John Mendez of Winston-Salem will be the speaker. Rev. G.A. Jones, Jr. is pastor.

Revival is now in progress nightly at 7 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church, Morrisville. Rev. Lafayette Maxwell of Durham is the speaker for the week.

Lincolnton AME Church will observe its homecoming Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Bernard Wilder will be the speaker. Music will be provided by the Lincolnton AME Chorus. Dinner will be served following morning service.

New Jerusalem Church will sponsor a building fund program. "The 12 Tribes of Israel," Sunday at 7 p.m. Rev. Mark Joppy will be presented

in concert. The Missionary Society of Providence Holy Church will sponsor a family gathering Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 320 Bledsoe Avenue.

An appreciation program will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Smith Temple Church, for Bro. Isaac McClean.

Evangelist Dorothy Hinton Atkinson will render services Saturday at 11 a.m. on Fayetteville Street Mall. She will render service Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mt. Zion AME Church, Smithfield.

The Missionary Choir of Springfield Baptist Church will observe an anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. at the church.

Deacon Michael James will have prayer meeting in his home each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 611 E. Davie St., Apt. B.

New Bethel Gospel Chorus of Rolesville will render service Sunday at 4 p.m. at Glenwood Towers. Rev. Baysden will be the speaker.

Pastor Margaret Ruffin and Light House Church will render service Saturday at 8 p.m. at Gethsemane True-Vine Church on Howard Thomas' Joy Night service, with others.

The Fifth Sunday Union will be held Friday through Sunday at Deliverance Tabernacle, Raleigh, with different speakers nightly. Eldress Betty Wilkerson will be the speaker Sunday at 11:30 a.m., with the Union Mass Choir.

Bro. Harvey Jones and the Triangle Starlights will sponsor a building fund program Sunday at 5 p.m. at the Lily of the Valley Church in Smithfield with the Gospel Pearlettes of Raleigh, the Branchettes of Benson and others.

Until next week: Live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you. II Corinthians 13:11.

## Martin Street Church Given Fleming Award

VALLEY FORGE, Pa.—The Martin Street Baptist Church in Raleigh, N.C., received the Lulu Fleming Award for Excellence in 1968 Mission Support during the Biennial Meeting of American Baptist Churches (ABC) in Milwaukee June 29-31.

The award was given to a select number of ABC churches for their exceptional contributions in support of the denomination's mission efforts.

The Rev. David C. Forbes is pastor of Martin Street Baptist Church.

## Would You Believe.....

A fireplace is called a mantelpiece because at one time people hung their coats (or mantles) over the fireplace to dry them.

The word "queue" is the only word in the English language that is still pronounced the same way when the last four letters are removed.

Make sure your home is secure before you leave for a vacation at the beach or the mountains. Stop newspaper delivery and ask the post office to hold your mail.

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION Church School began at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Jesse Degraffenreid, in charge. He conducted the devotional period as all classes were assembled.

They then moved to their places at the close of these and began the lesson study period. Upon returning to the sanctuary at 10:20 a.m., they listened to an overall review of the lesson by Ms. Eula Turner.

Announcements and remarks followed. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mizpah, this phase of worship ended, following class reports and the awarding of banners for attendance and finance.

Listening to the preludes as played by Ms. Ethel Jeffreys and Randy Shepherd told the worshippers that it was time for the 11 a.m. worship service. Then came the processional, being led by members of the Young Adult Choir and B.C. Young Choir, singing, "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah." As they paused around the altar, the call to worship and scripture were given by the pastor, Rev. Claude E. Willie, III. The song of praise, invocation and choral response followed.

The hymn of preparation was "O Thou In Whose Presence." The responsive reading for the 30th Sunday morning "The Word," was led

by the pastor. The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture was then read by Rev. Carter, a visiting minister. The pastoral prayer was offered by Neal Sanders. The hymn of praise was "This is My Father's World."

The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. The announcements were made by this reporter and the pastor. Altar call was followed by a selection by the B.C. Young Choir, "I've Decided to Make Jesus My Choice," with Howard Jackson as soloist, followed by a selection from the Young Adult Choir, "Humble Me," with Mamie Jackson, soloist.

The pastor then delivered the morning message, on the subject, "Religion Without Christ," choosing his discourse from Revelation 3:17. As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, the choir sang "Just As I Am" and "I'll Fly Away." The offering and recognition of visitors followed. This was followed by the benediction and recessional hymn. The postlude ended the 11 a.m. service.

At 4 p.m., the Boosters Club of the church presented its annual program, honoring and memorializing their first president, Ms. Algia Clay. Ms. Pearl Jackson is current president.

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, "I Will Bless Thee, O Lord." Responsive reading was led by Ms. Florine Justice, followed by the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Scripture was read by Rev. Jones from II Corinthians 5:11-21. Morning prayer was offered by Rev. Stallings. Children's Hour was given by Edward Hodge and children. The hymn, "I'll Be Coming Home," was followed by announcements by Ms. Ann Dunn. The morning offering was lifted by the Senior Ushers and Rev. Jones



**AWARD RECIPIENT**—The Rev. Addie Wyatt, retired international vice president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, AFL-CIO, CLC, will receive the "Lifetime Career Achievement Award" in August during the 5th annual Salute to Women by "Dollars & Sense" magazine.

## Sharpton Says Refusing Plea Bargain Deal

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—The Rev. Al Sharpton said last week that New York Attorney General Robert Abrams has offered—and he has refused—a plea bargain that would get him a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine on charges that he evaded taxes and looted an antidrug organization he founded.

The Brooklyn minister and his lawyer Alton Maddox said the deal was offered last Wednesday in the chambers of Albany County Court Judge John Turner. They said the plea would satisfy the three-count tax indictment handed down in Albany on the 67-count larceny and fraud indictment returned in Manhattan.

"If I were a criminal it would be a sweetheart of a deal," Sharpton said leaving court. "But I intend to make Abrams try every one of these counts."

Assistant Attorney General Richard Ernst, who was at the meeting in Turner's chambers, refused to say whether he discussed a deal with Sharpton. Abrams' press office said the attorney general had no comment.

The Albany indictment charges that Sharpton filed a false tax return in 1967 and failed to file in 1968. The Manhattan indictment accuses him of soliciting funds for his National Youth Movement and spending the money on himself.

Sharpton said black people should not pay taxes, and he denied he stole from the NYM. "I don't own anything," he said. "What did I use it for?"

The minister said his trial will be "star-studded" with "half of Hollywood" testifying on his behalf. "Half the people Abrams claims I defrauded will speak for me," Sharpton said.

Sharpton and Maddox were in court to set schedules for motions and court appearances with state Supreme Court Justice Joan Carey, who will hear both cases. They are due to return Oct. 26, Maddox said.

Maddox said he told Carey there may be a double jeopardy issue since two grand juries returned indictments after reviewing some of the same evidence.

He also accused Abrams of selective and vindictive prosecution.

## Funeral Directors & Casket Maker Resolve Differences

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—A trade organization representing black funeral directors has resolved its differences with one of the nation's leading casket companies, ending a three-month battle over the company's minority hiring practices.

The National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association and Indiana-based Batesville Casket announced last Wednesday an agreement in which the company promised to advertise more in black trade magazines, recruit more black

workers and take an industry lead in affirmative action programs.

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The company had been the target of a "selective buying" campaign during which black funeral directors curtailed or ceased buying Batesville products.

Price did not say to what extent the action hurt his company.

# DEATHS

**MS. ANNIE LEE HOUSTON**  
Funeral services for Ms. Annie Lee Houston, 71, of 134 S. State St., who died July 21, were held July 27 at Maple Temple United Church of Christ.

Surviving are daughters, Patricia Wright of Wendell, Sarah Houston of Raleigh, and Carolyn Stallings of Clayton; sons, Gabriel D. Houston, Jr. of Raleigh, Ralph of Raleigh and Leroy Houston of the U.S. Army stationed in Germany; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by Lightner Funeral Home.

**GEORGE TUCKER**  
George Tucker of 3205 Holly Springs Road died July 20. Arrangements were handled by Haywood Funeral Home.

**GARLAND KEARNEY**  
Funeral services for Garland Kearney, 80, of 3229 Holly Springs Road, who died July 20, were held July 22 at Watts Chapel Baptist Church.

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Funeral services for Sallie D. Branch of New York City, formerly of Raleigh, who died July 16, were held July 23 at St. Anna Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in Denning Cemetery, Willow Springs.

Surviving are sisters, Amelia D. Leach, Millie Denning, Lizzie Hodge, Cora D. Clark, all of Raleigh; and Doris D. Clark of Detroit, Mich.; and brother, Charles Denning of Willow Springs.

Arrangements were handled by Lea Funeral Home.

## Suspended Priest Holds Services For Catholics

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—A suspended black priest Sunday pulled the punches he has delivered regularly from the pulpit of his breakaway church for black Catholics during a four-week standoff with the Archdiocese of Washington.

The Rev. George A. Stallings, Jr., 41, held services in relative calm early Sunday, without the television cameras and long lines of churchgoers that have marked three previous weeks of services at the un-sanctioned Imani Temple.

Stallings told a crowd of about 800 at the 8 a.m. service he is close to finding a more permanent home for the church than the suburban high school auditorium where he has preached since the church's inauguration at Howard University July 2.

Washington Cardinal James A. Hickey suspended Stallings after the service at Howard, which drew an estimated 3,000 people. Suspension means Stallings is barred from saying mass and no longer has church sanction to perform sacraments.

There was no answer at the archdiocese offices Sunday.

Stallings said Sunday he needs \$1 million to buy an unidentified building he said could seat several thousand people. Stallings asked for generous donations, saying he must have the money by September when his current lease expires.

"What can you do? What can you give? All I can do is tell you (the money is needed)... it's your decision," Stallings said.

No figures were available from Sunday's collection, but church officials have said Stallings has raised several thousand dollars at each service.

The new building would be an interim home until the church raises enough money to build its own church building, Stallings said.

Stallings has said the Catholic Church is racist and has repeatedly failed its black parishioners. He has said the church has too often told blacks they must work patiently for change, and has compared himself to civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

On Friday Stallings released a letter rejecting a call for unity from the nation's 13 black bishops.

Services at Imani Temple, named for the Swahili word for faith, blend African religious rites, gospel music and traditional Catholic liturgy. Stallings served Holy Communion Sunday to the accompaniment of somber African drums and dissonant bells.

As in past weeks, Stallings preached a crowd-pleasing sermon, prancing across the stage and shouting encouragement as churchgoers sang and clapped.

He welcomed several whites attending the early service.

"White Catholics are [also] tired of attending St. Frigidaria, pastored by Father Somnax," he shouted.

Several hundred people have pledged to join the church, but no firm figures are available, church officials said.

"I'm a Baptist, but I love him," said Gloria Hall. "I go where I hear the Word."

Catholic officials have repeatedly said Stallings is welcome back only if he disbands the church. The Rev. William Lori, a spokesman for Hickey, has said Stallings is approaching the persistent problem of racism in the church the wrong way.

The church has said racism is a sin, a pronouncement echoed in the black bishops' letter to Stallings two weeks ago, and in a later statement from an organization representing all 300 U.S. bishops.

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# Come To Church

gave the offertory prayer. Altar prayer was offered by Deacon Ralph Justice. On the sick list were Deacon Wilson Thornton, Deacon Wilbert Clark, Eva Thompson, Ruby Dunn, Lillian Dunn, Katie Rogers, Mozelle Wall, Lillie Lundford, James Jackson and Lizzie Massenburg.

The spiritual, "You Don't Know What the Lord Done for Me," was followed by the morning message.

Rev. Jones took his text from II Corinthians 5:17 on the subject, "A Change Makes a Difference." The invitational hymn, "Look Where He Brought Me From," was followed by the benediction.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible study is held Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

The Male Chorus will meet at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Ms. JoAnn Fort is church reporter.

### SMITH TEMPLE FREEWILL BAPTIST

Worship service began with the call to worship by the pastor, Rev. Theodore McAllister, Jr. The Voices of Faith marched in singing "Working Out My Soul's Salvation." After the invocation, the first selection was "To the Glory of God."

Ms. Preacher led the responsive reading and the affirmation of faith. The next selection was "Foolish and Simple." Ms. Clarice Williams read Luke 18:15-20 for the morning scripture. Ms. Tiffany Williams led the Lord's Prayer.

During the mission offering, the choir sang "Ride On King Jesus." Bro. Johnny Ray Moore read the morning announcements. The pastor called for children to assemble for Children's Hour. Their message was from Proverbs 3. The pastor then called for infants to be blessed.

As the Junior Ushers collected the general and special building fund offerings, the choir sang "He Cares" and "Glorify the Lord." Deacon Fred Morris led the offertory prayer. Rev. Dorothy Jordan led the altar prayer. The choral response was "Walk Around Heaven All Day." The pre-message spiritual was "Sending Up My Timber."

Rev. McAllister based his message on the text from II Chronicles 7:14. His subject was "God Will Hear If You Will Turn From Your Wicked Ways."

In the Bible text, King Solomon had built the temple for the Lord and had dedicated it to the Lord. The Lord spoke to him, saying, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Rev. McAllister pointed out that the way of salvation is true repentance and sincere prayer. "We know our wicked ways and our own faults. We need not try to point out others' faults but clean up ourselves. God will hear a sincere prayer and will be attentive to the righteous. We must walk upright and live according to the Word of God."

As the invitation was extended, the choir sang "I Have Hope." Afterwards, the closing was sung and the benediction was given by the pastor.

Michael Brown 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 opened at 9:20 a.m., with the superintendent, Luther Perry, in charge. The subject of the lesson was "Delivered By God's Power," Judges 7:9.

Morning worship began at 11 a.m., with Bro. Isaac White in charge of the service. 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 Psalms 57:1-3, titled "Trust in the Lord." Prayer was offered by Rev. James Lewis.

Rev. Lewis took his sermon from I Chronicles 4:9-10 on the subject, "Being Remembered for the Right Thing." 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 then dismissed by the pastor, Rev. James W. Lewis.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., the Youth Fellowship Hour will take place.

Prayer and Bible study meeting will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday at 7 p.m., choir rehearsal will be held.

Brownie Troop No. 1030 and Junior Troop No. 489 meet Saturday at noon at the church.

Members on the sick and shut-in list are as follows: Ms. Nora Williams, Ms. Nona Whitaker, Ms. Georgia Williams, Johnnie Conyers, Dorsey Butler, Charles Debnam, and Willie Conyers.

Please continue to pray for the sick and suffering.

Church reporter is Ms. Betty Jean Berry.