

# GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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**MY GOD IS NO STRANGER**  
I've never seen God, but I know how I feel. It's people like you who admire Him so real. It seems that I pass Him so often Each day. In the face of people I meet on my way. He's the stars in the Heaven, a Smile on some face, A leaf on a tree or a rose in a vase. He's winter and autumn and summer And spring. In short, God is every real and Wonderful thing. I wish I might meet Him much more Than I do, I would if there were more people Like you.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
Happy birthday to Ms. Evelyn Anderson of Woodpecker Court, who will be celebrating another birthday on Nov. 25. We know not the age, but what does it matter? God knows and that's it. May you live to celebrate many, many more. Happy birthday. Birthday greetings are also extended to Ms. Johnnie Mae Merriwether of East Cabarrus Street, who will also celebrate another birthday on Nov. 26. May you live to celebrate manv.

many more and please have a happy birthday. We join with your mother in wishing you the best of birthdays.

**NEWS OF DEATH**  
News reached us of the death of Dr. E.E. Morgan, Jr. of Akron, Ohio on Oct. 16. He was the son of the late Rev. E.E. Morgan, who at one time pastored Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church here. To this family we extend our heartfelt sympathy with the hope that God will soon heal your wounds and dry up all your tears.

**SPECIAL PROGRAM HELD**  
The first International Cultural Awareness Celebration was held at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Saturday, Nov. 18, and Sunday, Nov. 19, featuring several African dignitaries who spared no pains in making us intelligent of their traits and formalities. A great program was witnessed. Music was rendered by the St. Augustine's College Vision Singers and the Enloe High School Singers.

**NOTE:**  
With Thanksgiving coming we will look forward to you telling us about your guests. Thanks, however, in advance.

**BRO. JAMES THOMAS'**

# GOSPEL WORLD



A fellowship service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew Baptist Church, 5410 Louisburg Road. Rev. Nathaniel Woods of New Providence Baptist Church, Fuquay, will be the speaker. Rev. Ronald Avery is pastor.

A birthday musical program will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Felton Grove Baptist Church, with the Gospel Carlettes, the M.B. & B. Family Gospel Singers and others. Piney Grove AME Church, 3813 Pleasant Valley Road, will observe Family Night Sunday at 5 p.m. with the Baldwin Family and the Halifax Vocal Choir, and others.

James Ollie Massenburg, III, will preach his first sermon Sunday at 11 a.m. at Weeping Willow Miracle Church of God, 429 Solar Drive.

Pastor Robert Siler and White Rock Church, Chapel Hill, will render service Sunday at 7:30 p.m. for Pastor James P. Perkins and Victory Tabernacle Church at Mt. Calvary Holy Church, 1014 Smithfield St.

The Capitol City Five of Raleigh will be presented in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at Wendell First Baptist Church.

The 10th anniversary of the Travelettes and Co. of Zebulon will be held Sunday at Rolesville Elementary School. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the program begins at 5 p.m.

Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church will observe its pastor's anniversary Sunday at 6 p.m. Rev. W.B. Cunningham is pastor.

The Apostlettes will observe their 16th anniversary Sunday at the Raleigh Safety Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

Bishop Timpson will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church. Rev. Martha Utley will render service Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the same location.

The Junior Choir of Cutts Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Angier, will observe its 11th anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. Elder Thomas J. Washington is pastor.

Bishop Scott and the Senior Choir will be in charge of services Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at True-Way Church of God in Christ.

Rev. Howard Winston will render service Sunday at 3 p.m. at Congregational Holy Church, 1113 S. State St., for the Junior Church Department.

First Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, will observe its 77th anniversary Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Tyner will be the speaker, with White Oak Baptist Church. Dinner will be served.

Tupper Memorial Baptist Church and Rev. Leatha Debnam will observe their annual Thanksgiving service Sunday at 11 a.m. Dr. Percy L. High, pastor of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, will be the speaker.

Malaby's Cross Road Baptist Church will observe its pastor's 32nd anniversary Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Anthony Eaton of Jones Chapel Baptist Church will be the speaker. Rev. G.A. Jones, Sr. is pastor.

Evangelist Barron and Prayer Band No. 2 will render service Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Gethsemane True Vine Holiness Church on Howard Thomas' Joy Night service, with others.

Mother Lulu Hinton will observe

her 92nd birthday Sunday at St. Mary Church on Holly Springs Road. Rev. Mangums Mercis will be the speaker.

The Raleigh City Missionary Union will meet Sunday at 3 p.m. at Faith Missionary Baptist Church, 908 Suffolk Blvd.

Rev. Willie Howard will be the speaker Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at Faith Healing Center with the BLW Ensemble.

Eldress Betty Hedgepeth will render service Sunday at 3 p.m. at Alston Memorial in Hillsborough.

Prayer service will be held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Healing Center.

A musical program will be presented Sunday at 3 p.m. at Union Baptist Church for the building fund.

Rev. Howard H. Vandergriff, pastor of Trinity Freewill Baptist Church, 2141 Rock Quarry Road, will observe his 14th anniversary Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. N.E. Dew of Lucama will be the speaker. Rev. W.R. Turner will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at the same location.

Bible study is held each Thursday at 8 p.m. Evangelist Night will be at 8 p.m. each Friday. Sunday School will meet Sunday at 10 a.m. with services held at 11 a.m. at Gateway to Heaven Holiness Church. A building fund service will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at the same location.

Straightway Temple Holiness Church will observe its sixth church anniversary Sunday at 11 a.m. in Zebulon. Eldress Shirley Demday is pastor.

The Trustee Board will sponsor a building fund program Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at St. Anna Freewill Baptist Church.

## Tupper Mem. Sets Homecoming And Harvest Service

Homecoming and Harvest Rally service will be observed at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a.m.

Special recognition will be extended to former members who will be coming home. Dinners will be served following the morning's worship service.

Music will be rendered by the Melvin Davis Memorial Singers with Ms. Sissy Oppenheimer, guest soloist.

Dr. Percy High, a native of Raleigh now serving as pastor at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Durham, will be the speaker for the 11 a.m. worship service.

Ms. Andrea Bridges and Ms. Omega Sanders are co-chairpersons for the homecoming service. Dr. Leatha Debnam, Sr. is pastor.

**GOALS**  
All successful people have a goal. Not a fuzzy, indefinite objective, but rather a sharp, clearly defined, specific goal. No one can get where he wants to go unless he knows where he wants to go or what he wants to be or do.

**Dr. Norman V. Peale HAPPINESS**  
Happiness is no easy matter. It is very hard to find it within ourselves, and impossible to find it anywhere else.

## SMITH TEMPLE FREEWILL BAPTIST

Worship services began Sunday, Nov. 19, with the call to worship by the pastor, Rev. Theodore McAllister, Jr. The Chancelor Choir and the Male Chorus marched in singing "We're Marching to Zion." The first hymn was "Pass Me Not."

The pastor led the responsive reading and the affirmation of faith. The second hymn was "Tis So Sweet." The morning scripture lesson was taken from Revelation 21:1-4 by Deacon Fred Morris.

As the Senior Ushers lifted the mission offering, the Chancelor Choir sang "Oh, I Want to See Him" and "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land." Assistant Church Secretary Lynda Rascoe read the church announcements and recognized visitors.

Rev. McAllister assembled the children for the children's moment. During the general and building fund offerings, the Chancelor Choir sang "What a Friend" and "I Can Depend on God." William Canady led the offertory prayer. Rev. McAllister led the altar prayer. The pre-message special was "I Can't Even Walk."

Rev. McAllister's sermon was titled "If the Lord Has Blessed You, You Ought To Tell It." His text was from Psalms 1:1 and Matthew 5:11-12. He warned us that prosperity is not always the blessings of the Lord. Satan has the power to deceive and to poison men's minds. We must be true to God's word in order to know His will. God roots us and plants us in His word so that we may flourish in the blessings He provides.

As the Male Chorus sang "Somebody," the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended and one candidate came forward to become a member and was accepted. After the closing by the choir, the pastor gave the benediction.

## OAK GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Sunday School began Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. The lesson was from Revelation 11:15, "The Victorious Christ."

The lesson explained that the figure of speech in the verses of Revelation require some study on our part. The ultimate meaning is that Christ is the victorious warrior referred to, and that Satan already knows that he has already failed.

The Sunday worship services began with the call to worship given by Rev. William Y. Davis at 11:15 a.m. The music was provided by the William Y. Davis Spiritual Light Ensemble. Prayer was led by Deacon Arthur Denning.

The mission offering was received by the ushers. Tithes were brought forward. The Missionary Circle asked for a love offering to provide meat to go along with the canned goods already donated. The Missionary Circle has selected four families to which the donated food will be delivered before Thanksgiving.

The sermon in this Thanksgiving season was taken from Psalms 95, "Eating From God's Table." Rev. Davis told of the conflict between David and Saul, of how Saul had set up a feast to celebrate while David was forced to hide in the rocks.

He went on to tell how God caused Saul and his warriors to fall into a deep sleep. While they slept, David went forth to the table provided and ate. Upon finishing, he took a portion of Saul's garment from the sleeping man to prove he had really been there.

This illustrates that if we have faith in God He will provide. Many other illustrations—such as how we may think we are great, but in the end we must acknowledge all greatness comes from God. Nebuchadnezzar claimed all greatness, giving no thanks to God, and was cast down to live as a beast for several years, and realized that at the end of that time, God had provided for him even when he had the mind of a beast. His riches counted for nothing.

"We should be truly thankful for the goodness we receive from God's table."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. I.J. Irving and church from Sanford will hold services here Nov. 26 at 2:30 p.m.

The Missionary Circle offers many thanks to all who donated to the Thanksgiving food drive. We have collected enough food and funds to provide for four needy families.

Joe Ann Thomas is church reporter.

## ST. MARY'S AME

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, James Taylor, in charge. The lesson was taken from Galatians 6:1-10. The topic of discussion was "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" The lesson dealt with helping one another in good times and bad times and working from worship services to community services as a Christian toward successful living in Christ Jesus.

Morning services began at 11 a.m. with the Doxology and call to worship by the newly appointed pastor, Rev. J.A. Hemby. The Senior Choir sang the opening hymn, "Come We That Love the Lord."

# Come To Church

The invocation was by James Taylor as the Senior Choir sang softly, "Teach Me, Master, Teach Me." The scripture was read from I Thessalonians 5:1-15 by Rev. Hemby, followed by the Decalogue and Gloria Patri.

The announcements and acknowledgements were read by Ms. Dorothy Thomas. Missionary and general offerings were taken by the ushers. James Taylor then led the little children in a "Moment with Christ" mini-lecture.

Rev. Hemby briefly talked about prayer as the altar call invitation was extended. Following the altar call, the Senior Choir electrified the worship atmosphere with their sermonic hymn, "God's Word." Rev. Hemby then ministered to the congregation from I Thessalonians 5:16-18, using as the subject, "Thanks-living." Rev. Hemby said the art of thanking is thanks-living. Thanks-living is thanking God for the gift of life by living it triumphantly. It is thanking God for our gifts, talents, and abilities by accepting them and using them to invest for the Christian good.

Following the sermon, the Senior Choir and congregation sang the Lord's Prayer. Rev. Hemby then extended the invitation to Christian discipleship. The minister and congregation recited the Apostles' Creed and Doxology, followed by the benediction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas play will take place Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

Please bring food for the needy Dec. 17.

Christmas Breakfast will be held Dec. 24 at 9 a.m.

Let us pray for the sick and pray for one another.

## 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 "The Victorious Christ," Revelation 11:15.

Morning worship began at 11 a.m., with 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 No. 36, titled, "Thanksgiving." Prayer was offered by Ms. Laura Rogers.

Rev. James W. Lewis took his sermon from Exodus 13. Announcements were made 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. James W. Lewis.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., youth fellowship hour will be held.

Wednesday at 8 p.m., prayer and Bible study will take place.

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

Saturday at noon, Brownie Troop No. 1013 and Junior Troop No. 489 meet.

Members on the sick and shut-in list are Ms. Nora Williams and Ms. Georgia Williams. Remember to pray for the sick and suffering everywhere. Prayer is the key to Heaven and faith unlocks the door.

**THOUGHT FOR TODAY:** God reveals Himself and is truly found to be the never-failing refuge for those who are His in the days of their deepest troubles.

Church reporter is Ms. Bettie Jean Watson.

## LILLINGTON STAR

The church celebrated its 95th birthday with a bang last Sunday. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and morning worship at 11 a.m. featured a large attendance.

The morning message was delivered by the pastor, Dr. G.D. McNeill. He preached from Matthew 5:16 on the subject, "Standing and Shining." He gave one of his best sermons.

Music was furnished by the Senior Choir and the New Generation Choir. Music for the afternoon service was brought by the New Generation Choir and the message came from Evangelists Frances Overby McLean of Bunlevel. She preached a sermon titled "Getting To My Father's House" from John 14:5.

After the service, the oldest members were recognized. Ms. Brinia Atkins was the oldest, followed by Ms. Mary Baldwin, Ms. Lillar Campbell, Ms. Cora Jackson, Ms. Lucy McDonald and Rev. Roy Blackmon. Each was presented a gift by Ms. Mabel Taylor.

Visitors were on hand from McNeill Memorial Church, Dunn; Rev. Laura Knight, Charlie McNeill, Deacon and Mrs. Hampton and many more.

## RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

Church School began at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Deacon Jesse Degraffenreid, in charge. He conducted the devotional period while all classes were assembled. At the close of the devotion, classes moved to their places where lesson study

periods began. As they returned to the sanctuary at 10:20 a.m., a general review of the lesson was given by Ms. Eula Turner. Remarks, announcements and class reports followed. With the awarding of banners for both attendance and finance and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mizpah, this phase of worship ended.

Preludes began promptly at 10:55 a.m., with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys at the organ and Randy Shepherd on the piano. Then came the processional, led by the Junior Choir and Spiritual Chorus, marching to the tune of "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." As they paused around the altar, the clal to worship and scripture were given by the pastor, Rev. C.E. Willie, III. The song of praise followed.

The hymn of preparation was "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," followed by the responsive reading from Genesis 1:8. The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture lesson was then read by Rev. Allen from Isaiah 41, comprising several verses. The pastoral prayer was offered by the pastor.

The hymn of praise was "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us." The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. The announcements were given by the pastor. The ministry of kindness was lifted during the rendition of "Rejoice in the Lord" by the Junior Choir.

Selections were also rendered by the Spiritual Chorus, including "How Great Thou Art" and "If I Can Help Somebody," with soloists Ms. Ethel Ridley and Kizzie Johnson. The pastor then delivered the message, having chosen his discourse from Luke 18:11 on the subject, "A Grumbling Race of People." As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, the choirs and congregation sang "Just As I Am." The offering and recognition of visitors were handled by the pastor. Quite a few visitors graced the services. The recessional hymn, benediction and postlude concluded the morning service.

Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

## BRIGHT HOPE DIVINE HOLY



**MS. BERTHA E. MASSENBURG**  
Ms. Bertha E. Massenburg, 63, of 1208 Bunch Drive in Raleigh, died Sunday, Nov. 19. Funeral services are to be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 24, at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

Surviving are husband, Samuel C. Massenburg of Raleigh; daughters, Ms. Dianne Rodman, Ms. Geraldine Adams and Ms. Pearlene Williams, all of Raleigh; brothers, Ernest Hunter of East Orange, N.J. and Hubert Brodie of Raleigh; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1-10 p.m.

Arrangements are by Lightner Funeral Home.

## MS. MARY BETHEA

Ms. Mary P. Bethea of 3303 Samora St., Raleigh, died Monday, Nov. 13. Funeral services were scheduled for Friday, Nov. 24, at Haywood Funeral Home. Burial was at Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are daughters, Mary King, Nellie McLeod and Glenell Williams, all of Raleigh; Annie B. Bright of Fuquay-Varina; Louise Tucker of Fayetteville; son, Alfred Bethea of Raleigh; brother, Rufus McNeill of Lillington.

Wake was held from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21.

Arrangements were by Haywood Funeral Home.

## CORNWALLIS DUNN

Cornwallis Dunn of 901 1/2 E. Edenton St. died Monday, Nov. 13. Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Faith Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in Good Hope Cemetery.

Surviving are daughters, Phyllis Winters, Pauline Wingate-Rouse, Beatrice Jones and Pam Miles, all of Raleigh; Connie Watson of Maryland; sons, Wallace A. Dunn and Robert L. Dunn, both of Raleigh; sisters, Eldora Higgins and Zelma Crowder, both of Baltimore, Md.; Nova Dunn and Mary Bridges, both of Raleigh; Emma Lee Greene of Long Island, N.Y.; brothers, John Dunn of Raleigh, Frank Dunn of Brooklyn, N.Y.; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The family received visitors at Lea Funeral Home from 8-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17.

## MS. JASMINE M. KORNEGAY

Ms. Jasmine M. Kornegay, of 3712 Bitternut Lane, Garner, died Monday, Nov. 13. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Lea

## CHURCH OF GOD, INC.

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, Sister Rebecca LaSane, in charge.

Morning worship began at 11 a.m., with Evangelist Annie Blackmon and Sister Ethel Davis in charge of devotion. After devotion, Evangelist Robeta Glover was in charge of the service.

Music was rendered by the Bright Hope Male Chorus, accompanied by Cornelius Alston on bass guitar and Sister Receland Jones at the organ. The opening song was "You Can't Make It To Heaven," led by Evangelist Robert Currie.

Invocation was given by Evangelist Deborah Gordon, followed by a choral response of "Had It Not Been for Him."

The morning scripture was read by Deacon Oliver Alston from John 14:1-6.

Home mission offering was lifted by the youth ushers. Announcements and welcome to visitors were given by Ms. Renee Wiggins, followed by the giving of tithes. After this, prayer was offered.

The speaker for the morning was Assistant Pastor Mary White. After the inspirational selection by the Bright Hope Male Chorus of "Be Done," led by Deacon Oliver Alston, she brought the message from John 18:34-37, using for a subject, "Born for a Purpose."

Assistant Pastor White stated that everyone is born for a purpose. Some find out that purpose early in life and some never find the purpose. We were born to praise and worship God and abstain from sin.

Altar call was made in which the Lord delivered and set free those who were bound and burdened.

Remarks were given, followed by the benediction.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no service on Wednesday night.

On Thursday, Nov. 23, service will be held at the church with Pastor Ver-na Peterkin as speaker.

The Bright Hope Male Chorus will have their anniversary on Nov. 26 at 5 p.m. at the church, 16 Bragg St.

Church reporter is Ms. Rebecca La Sane.

Funeral Home. Burial was in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are a mother, Ms. Phyllis Kornegay of Mount Olive; father, Lynwood Kornegay, Sr., of the home; sisters, Consuela K. Kornegay of Mount Olive and Amber L. Kornegay of the home; brother, Lynwood E. Kornegay of the home; paternal great-grandmother, Sally Oates, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; maternal grandparents, Dora and John Edwards of Raleigh; maternal great-grandparents, Rosa and William Jones of Raleigh.

Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

## MS. DORETHA MARABLE

Ms. Doretha Marable, formerly of Raleigh, died Tuesday, Nov. 14, in Boston, Mass. Funeral was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Juniper Level Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are daughters, Tammy Harrington of Boston, Mass., Pamela Height of Raleigh; sons, Steve Marable and Kevin Harrington, both of Boston, Mass.; mother and step-father, Mary Vines and Plummer Vines, Sr., of Raleigh; sister, Ethel Leach of Raleigh; brother, Plummer Vines, Jr., of Raleigh; and one grandchild.

Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

## MS. LILLIAN L. LUMPKINS

Ms. Lillian Leach Lumpkins, of 311 Marywood Drive, Raleigh, died Tuesday, Nov. 14. Funeral was held at noon Saturday, Nov. 18, at Martin Street Baptist Church. Burial was in Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are daughters, Ms. Paula J. Tillman of Raleigh, and one grandchild.

Viewing hours were 1-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 17, at Lightner Funeral Home.

## JONAS W. ATKINSON

Jonas Wesley Atkinson, of 432 Solar Drive, died Wednesday, Nov. 15. Funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, at Davie Street Presbyterian Church. Burial was in Atkinson Cemetery, Johnston County.

Surviving are a wife, Rosetta Atkinson of the home; daughters, Joanne Langley of Broken Arrow, Okla., Retha Bethea, Glenda and Anita Atkinson, all of Raleigh; sisters, Juanita Allen of Raleigh, Helen Merritt of Queens, N.Y., Grace Bennis of Maryland; brother, Howard Atkinson of Hampton, Va.; and six grandchildren.

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