

# GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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### "I SHALL NOT PASS THIS WAY AGAIN"

Through this toilsome world alas!  
Once and only once I pass,  
If a kindness I can show  
Or a good deed I can do,  
To a suffering fellowman,  
Let me do it while I can  
No delay for it is plain  
I shall not pass this way again.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday greetings are being extended to a Mother and Son, Mrs. Victoria Smith and son Britney Smith of Southgate, who celebrated his 10th birthday on Sunday, June 24th as hers was concealed, but let's forget it and wish both of them Happy Birthday, and tell them to live on!

Happy birthday to the following: Wanda Moore on July 1st, Raleigh Blvd.; Sheila Moore of 2108 Crawford Rd., Raleigh on July 2nd; William Moore of 2nd St. Washington, Md., July 10th; Sachenda Wiggins of Chavis Heights, July 8th. Many happy returns of the day. Your life is the result of the decisions you make. These are neices and a nephew of Mrs. Mabel Moses of 801 S. East Street.

Happy birthday greetings are being extended also to the following: Mrs.

Muriel McKoy of Old Stage Road; Mrs. Vivian Weaver Howie of 1203 E. Lane Street and this reporter, who will be celebrating birthdays on June 28th. Let's live it up because it is later than we think. Smile.

### SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

Our love, and deepest sympathy is being extended to Mrs. Dorothy McNeil of Biltmore Hills and Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church in the passing of her sister in Clayton, Mrs. Rowland. She was funeralized at Johnson Piney Grove Church on Sunday June 24th. May God help you and keep you in His all sustaining hands is our prayer.

### NOTE

Thanks always for your many calls and correspondence. We will keep on listening and writing for you. Just call and see!

Congratulations On Graduation Congratulations are extended to Ms. Jovetta Cannady of S. State St. upon her graduation on June 9th from Sanderson High School. She plans to attend Wake Tech during the fall semester. These congratulations are extended to her from her parents, grandparents, friends and members of her church, Rush Metropolitan AME Zion, Rev. C.E. Willie III is her pastor.

### BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

# GOSPEL WORLD



A Bazaar and Fair will be Saturday morning at 10:00 to 6 p.m. at St. Augusta Church on Bridge St. Fuquay.

The Missionary Dept. of Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church in Wake Forest will have service Friday night at 7:30 entitled 100 Women in White. Rev. Marguerite M. Rogers of Silers City will be the speaker.

A Pre-Anniversary is now in progress nightly at 8:00 at the Resurrection Church of Jesus Christ 610 Hillsboro Street with different speakers nightly.

The Golden Skylocks and Sensational Four of Creedmoore and others will sing Sunday evening at 6:00 at the Raleigh Safety Club.

Revival is now in progress nightly at Spring Hill Church. Rev. Harold Barnes of Southern Grove in Kenly is the speaker for the week. Youth Day is Sunday morning at 11:15 at the same location. Dr. Brenda Lovely will be the speaker at the same location.

Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 at White Oak Baptist Church in Apex. Rev. Raymond Lassiter Jr. of Philadelphia, Pa. is the speaker for the week.

Children's Day will be observed Sunday morning at St. Paul No. 2 immediately following morning worship service.

Jones Chapel Baptist Church Sr. Choir on Buffice Road will sponsor a musical program Sunday evening at 7:30.

The UFAT monthly meeting is Friday evening at 7:00 at the Keeter Training Center Fire Dept. located at 105 Hoke St. The UFAT will sponsor a trip to New Orleans, July 12, for information call 821-5216.

Vacation Bible school is now in progress at 8:00 p.m. at 8:30 p.m. at the Glorious Church of Glascock St.

Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Annual revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30. Rev. C. W. Pettiford, pastor of Rogers Grove Baptist Church in Durham is the speaker for the week.

Joint revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 at Rock Spring UCC Church. Dr. Richard Styles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Burlington is the speaker for the week.

A one day Women's Retreat is set for Saturday morning at 8:00 on the campus of Shaw Divinity School. Rev. Queen Bass Penny, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lillington will be the speaker.

Bible study is each Tues. night at 7:30 at Gateway To Heaven Holiness Church, 1110 Coleman St. Evang. service is Friday night at 8:00. Pastor Ella Pretty will be the speaker. Sunday school is each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Elder Wm. Vinson will be the speaker Sunday afternoon at 3:00 The Missionary and Evang. will speak at the same location.

A fashion show is set for Friday evening at 7:00 at Fuquay Community Center sponsored by McKoy's Grove Church.

Popular Spring UCC Church will observe its Annual Women's Day Sunday morning at 11:00. Rev. Sandra Hinton will be the speaker.

The Gospel Devotion of Philadelphia, Pa. and Faith Missionary Baptist Church Adult Choir will be in concert Sunday afternoon at

3:00 at Faith Missionary Baptist Church.

Bro. K. Jones will present the Gospel Train Saturday evening at the Raleigh Safety Club. Doors open at 5 p.m., program at 6:30 p.m.

The Missionary Dept. of the Church of God of Prophecy will sponsor its first Women's Day Festivity Saturday morning at 9:00 at the Church of God of Prophecy on White St. Extension in Wake Forest. Constance Gee of Henderson will be the speaker for information call 566-6402.

Vacation Bible school is now in progress at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lillington First Baptist Church, Hwy 210.

The Pearle S. McDonald Pastor's Aid Club of Laodacia United Church of Christ will sponsor a bus trip to North Carolina's newest outdoor drama, "Worth is the Lamb", Friday. For information call 833-4050, 828-3798 or 832-2784.

A food sale is set for Saturday morning at 10:00 to 5 p.m. at Smith Temple Church sponsored by the Male Chorus. For delivery call 833-8647. Rev. Dwight Bernard Cannon, choir and congregation of New Elder Chapel AME Zion Church of Kenansville will render service Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the same location. Dinner will be served.

Pastor Charlie Best will be the speaker Sunday morning at 11:00 at the Lily of the Valley Church.

Sunday school is set for Sunday morning at 10:00. Worship service at 11 a.m. Prayer service and Bible Study is Tuesday night at 7:30 at Mt. Olive Holy Church. Revival is now in progress nightly at the same location. Bishop H. G. Hunter is the speaker for the week.

A gospel program to benefit Wake County Opportunities, corner of Hargett and Swain Sts. is set for Sunday evening. The doors open at 6 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m., featuring Willis Pittman and the Burden Lifters of Richmond, Va. and the Capital City Five.

Elder Randell Hedgepeth will render service Friday night at 8:00 at Revival Center House of Prayer in Durham.

Bishop Edward Wilkerson will be the speaker Sunday morning at 11:30 at Faith Healing Center with the BLW Ensemble.

Elder Randell Hedgepeth will render service Sunday evening at 7:00 at the House of God for all People in Fuquay.

### COURAGE

All things work according to law and all things can be made to manifest this law.

Anonymous

### KIND WORDS

Kind words have a magic power, and can lift the edge of care, like a candle in the darkness. Kind words can dispel despair. Kind words cast like bread on water shall return to us one day.

Beverly J. Anderson

# Come To Church

### GRACE AME ZION

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, John Winston, presiding. Morning worship began at 11 a.m. with the pastor, Rev. William E. Judd, giving the call to worship.

The Young Adult Chorus rendered the music, under the direction of Paul Atlas at the piano.

The opening hymn was followed by the responsive reading, "Security," led by Ms. Delwyn King, and the affirmation of faith, led by Ms. Lena Perry. The Gloria Patri was next. After the hymn of praise, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," scripture was taken from Psalms 27:1-13 by Ms. Carol Bunch. The preparation selection was "Safe in His Arms," led by Jennie and the choir.

Altar prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. Judd. The ministry of kindness was lifted by the male ushers while Ms. Daedre King sang "Down By the River Side." Tithes

and offerings were lifted as the choir and congregation sang "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord."

Announcements were made by Ms. Olivet McGill. The inspirational selection was "We Shall Wear a Crown."

Rev. Judd took his text from Psalms 27:5 and Matthew 16:18 on the subject, "You Don't Have to Be Afraid." He said if we have God on our side, He would fight our battles for us.

There were many visitors in the service, and they are always welcome.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer meeting and Bible study are held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

The pastor and members of Grace AME Zion are in deep sympathy with the Hunter family in the loss of their father, and the Kearney family who lost their son, Tony Kearney, last week. We loved them but God loved them best.

Church reporter is Ms. Barbara B. Malloy.

### UNITED CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

In the absence of the pastor, who was on vacation, Wilbert Wilder took charge of the services. Hymn for the morning was "Holy, Holy, Holy." Wilder led the members in a prayer for the morning while they chanted "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The second selection was "Blessed Assurance." Scripture was then read from Isaiah 55, followed by the lifting of the mission offering and prayer time. Ms. Trannie Sanders led the members in prayer.

After a special selection, "Jesus is All the World To Me," Wilder spoke from Isaiah 55. He also sang the closing song, "Just As I Am."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We congratulate Collette Judd, who graduated from the Raleigh Institute of Cosmetology Sunday, June 17. Good luck, CoCo.

We were happy to learn that Mr. Dancy is feeling better.

The sick and shut-in are Clinton Copeland, Christopher Whitaker and Alex Hughes. Our prayers are with you every day.

Visiting in the service were Ms. Sadie Mae Donaldson and Ms. Stella Virgil. They are friends of this reporter.

Church reporter is Ms. Hallowees Saunders.

### OAK CITY BAPTIST

Sunday School opened at 9:45 a.m. with Charles Tucker in charge. Classes devoted time to the study of the lesson, "The Beginning of Knowledge," Proverbs 1:1-33. It was stressed that reverence for God is the beginning of life and is the deepest and most essential of knowledge.

Morning services began with Ms. Cynthia Sanders and Ms. Carolyn Harrison at the organ and piano, respectively. Associate minister, Rev. Patrice H. Fields, was in charge. Music was rendered by the Berry Wilcox Senior Choir.

The ordination of deacons was next on the program. Pastor Newkirk, during the interlude, read a poem by Dennis Workman, "God of the Prophets." Divine reading came from I Timothy 3:1-13 by Deacon Phillip C. Alston. Morning prayer and altar call were led by Deacon Deport Dunston. Ms. Catherine Newkirk rendered a solo, "If I Can Help Somebody."

Pastor William T. Newkirk delivered a sermon, "The Ministry of a Deacon," using as a text Acts 6:1-6 and 13:1-3. He explained the work of a deacon. The candidates for deacon and their wives were introduced:

Clarence and Mary Smalls and Charles and Rita Tucker. The charge to the deacons was given by Deacon James L. Newkirk, Sr., chairman of deacons, Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith. The charge to the church was given by Deacon Rudolph Lofton. Bibles were presented by Kelvin Smith and certificates were presented by Pastor Newkirk.

The laying on of hands and ordination prayer were done by Deacon Michael Dunston. Family members were recognized by Pastor Newkirk as he asked the two new deacons to introduce their families and guests. The congregation shook the hands of the new deacons.

Other participants in the morning service were Deacon Hubert L. Fitts, who made the announcements and recognized visitors; and Bro. Michael Douglas, who led the offertory prayer.

Ms. Deborah Williams and Ms. Barbara J. Dunston expressed their appreciation for the cooperation in Vacation Bible School.

Pastor Newkirk congratulated Tiffany Avery, a runner-up in the Miss Bronze contest.

Church conference will be held June 29 at 7:30 p.m.

### ST. MARY'S AME

Sunday School began at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, James Taylor, in charge. Morning worship service began at 11 a.m. with the Doxology and call to worship by the pastor, Rev. J.A. Hemby.

The Youth Gospel Choir led the congregation in the opening hymn of "Holy, Holy, Holy." The invocation was by Milton Thomas as the choir sang "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord." Scripture was read from Psalms 34:1-13 by Rev. Hemby, followed by the Decalogue and Gloria Patri.

Announcements were read by Dorothy Thomas. Rev. Hemby welcomed the visitors and friends of the church. Missionary and general offerings were collected by the ushers and stewards, followed by an offertory prayer. James Taylor led the children in a "Moment with Christ" mini-lecture. Altar prayer was extended to all who wanted to petition God as Rev. Hemby exhorted God in prayer.

The Youth Gospel Choir electrified the worship atmosphere with their sermonic selection. Rev. Hemby then ministered to the congregation from Proverbs 14:12, using as his text, "Living for the Weekend." Rev. Hemby preached about how people

acts on Friday when they get paid. He talked about TGIF and the attitudes ordinary people display on the weekend. Rev. Hemby said that a weekend can destroy you financially. A weekend can destroy your successes and gains. A weekend can take away your joy and happiness.

But public worship in the Lord's house on weekends can turn your night into day, your sadness into joy. After the sermon, Rev. Hemby extended the invitation to Christian discipleship as the choir sang the invitational hymn. Then the minister and congregation recited the Apostles' Creed, followed by the Doxology and benediction.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Family Bible study is held each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The first quarterly conference will be held July 7 at 5 p.m.

Young Adult anniversary will be celebrated July 29.

Vacation Bible School will be held July 2-6.

### RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

Church School began at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Jesse Degraffenreid, in charge. He conducted the devotional period while all classes were assembled. At the close of these, all classes moved to their places and began lesson study periods. Returning to the sanctuary, the members listened to a review of the activities of the Church School Christian Education Convention of the Raleigh District, as given by Ms. Jovetta Cannady, for which the Church School gave her a rousing vote of thanks. Remarks and announcements were given by the superintendent. Class reports and the awarding of banners for attendance and finance followed. 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 preludes began with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys on the organ and Randy Shepherd on the piano. Then came the processional, 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. C.E. Willie, III. The invocation and choral response of "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord," was sung.

The hymn of preparation was "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The responsive reading for the 34th Sunday morning was followed by the Gloria Patri. Scripture lesson was then read by Rev. Van McClain from Acts 8:26-30. He also offered prayer.

The hymn of praise was "I Am Thine, O Lord." The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. The announcements were given by this reporter and the pastor. During the altar call, a selection of "Near the Cross" was sung. "Ho Knows How Much We Can Bear" was rendered by the Young Adult Choir. Several selections were also done by the B.C. Young Choir. Ms. Cheryl Spruill sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee."

The pastor then delivered the morning sermon, having chosen his discourse from Galatians 6:9 on the subject, "Spiritual Soul Bowling." There is too much criticism of our neighbors without the fear of God. We need the joy of the Lord. He will need to get more believers. There is a lack of endurance. As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, several joined the church. The offering and recognition of visitors followed.

The benediction and recessional hymn closed out the morning service. At 4 p.m., the missionaries held a meeting, finalizing plans for other programs in the future. At 6 p.m., the Senior Users of the church observed their 61st anniversary with a program. Guest speaker was William R. Windley, Sr.

Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

### FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Early morning prayer service was opened at 6 a.m. by Ms. Fayger White. Superintendent Marvin Sanders opened the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Isaac White presided over the morning service. The scripture reading was taken from Romans 12:1-10. The responsive reading was "United With Christ." The choir provided music, under the direction of Ms. Cheryl Caldwell.

Tithes and offerings were collected. Bro. Ray Caldwell acknowledged the visitors and gave the announcements for the week.

Pastor James W. Lewis' sermon was titled "Power of God's Spirit to Meet the World's Needs," taken from Acts 3:1-10.

The altar call and prayer for the sick preceded the benediction.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, Youth Meeting is held, followed by prayer and Bible study service at 7 p.m.

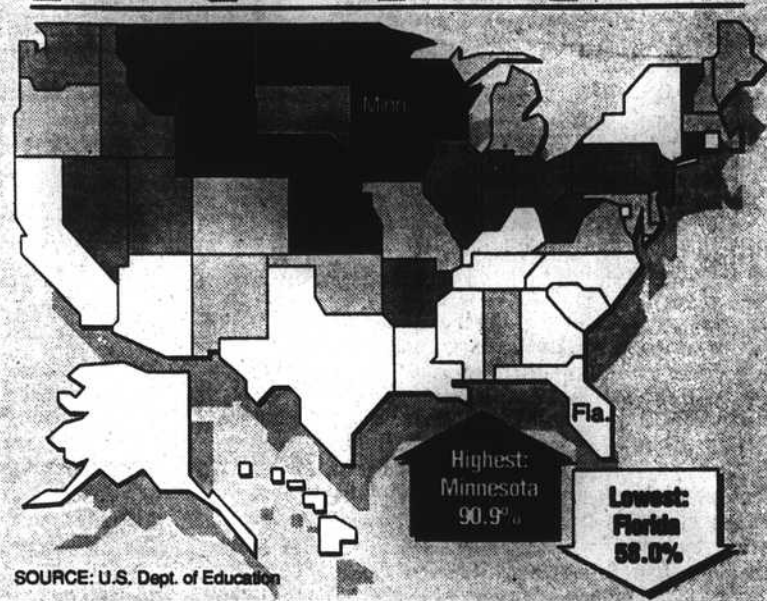
Choir rehearsal is held at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Church reporter is Ella Watson Goodson.

## U.S. high school graduation rates

The seventh annual survey of American schools measures how well states are educating students. Here are the 1988 high school graduation rates for each state. The national average is 71.1%.

58%-70% 70%-75% 75%-80% 80%-above



SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Education

# DEATHS

### TONY C. KEARNEY

Funeral services were held for Tony C. Kearney, 22, of 5620 Bringle Court on Saturday, June 23, in the Lea Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are his mother, Geraldine Fuller Kearney; father, Franklin Kearney of Raleigh; sisters, Michelle Ross of Bronx, N. Y., June Davis of Raleigh; step-sister, Tammie Kearney of Raleigh; brother, Rodney Kearney of Raleigh; stepbrothers, Frank Kearney, Jr. and Jerry Kearney, both of Raleigh; maternal grandparents, mother, Warmeta Ferguson of Raleigh, father, Milton Fuller of Baltimore, Md.; maternal step-grandfather, James C. Ferguson of Raleigh; maternal great-grandmother, Jewel G. Thompson of Goldston.

Arrangements were handled by Lea Funeral Home.

### CHARLIE LANE

Funeral services were held for Charlie Lane, of 1316 Bethel Road Sunday, June 24 in the Lea Funeral Home Chapel.

### MRS. ALMA D. GILL

Funeral services were held for Mrs. Alma D. Gill, 76, of 1513 E. Lane Street on Wednesday, June 27 at the Wake Chapel Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are her husband, Ernest Gill of the home; daughters, Sandra G. Bunch of Raleigh; sisters, Eva Pope of Raleigh; two grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

## AME Zion Church School Meet Held In Lillington

### BY ANNIE H. THORPE

The 94th session of the Raleigh District Church School Convention, AME Zion Church, was led at Norrington AME Zion Church, Lillington, June 14-15.

The convention opened June 14 at 10 a.m. with the host pastor, the Rev. J.W. Redfern, in charge. The theme of the convention was "That We All Be One Body in Christ." The theme song was "They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love."

Dr. F.K. Woods, the presiding elder, presented Ms. Barbara Burton, the district director, who took charge of the service. She in turn presented the presiding elder, who proceeded to organize. Secretary is Ms. Jovetta Cannady and assistant was Petrilla McNeal.

The opening sermon was delivered by the pastor of Grace AME Zion Church, who preached at length from the subject, "What is Wrong with the Church?" Remarks and offerings followed.

After the assignment of homes, a mini-workshop was held. Ms. Kathi McNeil and Ms. Paula Jones discussed "Money Management," and "Health and Personal Hygiene" was discussed by Ms. Rosa Jeffreys, Ms. Arlene Matthews and Ms. Gladys Bellamy.

Music was rendered by the Junior Choir of Grace AME Zion Church.

Recreation was led by Jesse Degraffenreid. At 6:30 p.m., the members were welcomed by the host church and a response was given by Ms. Mary Ray of Oxford, who also

gave an address on "Self-Esteem."

Ms. Louise Davis of the Sanford District was the guest speaker on the program committee. The members thank her for having come forth in such a time.

The memory verse contest was won by Robert Johnson. Talent hour with Ms. Kathi McNeil was next. Ms. Donnie Bullock won first place on the subject, "That We All May Be One Body in Christ." Second place winner was Emerson Bullock. Awards and popularity contest followed.

Final business was discussed and committee reports were called for and submitted to the presiding elder. The members thanked him and Ms. Mattie Woods, who an asset to the Raleigh District.

The convention closed on Friday around 2 p.m. to meet with Douglas Chapel AME Zion Church in June 1991.

District officers are Ms. Barbara Burton, district director; Jesse Degraffenreid, director of adults; Ms. Kathi McNeil, director of youth; Ms. Paula Jones, director of children; Ms. Rosa Jeffreys, director of convention.

Dr. F.K. Woods is presiding elder of the district.

The freshest strawberries are plump and well-rounded and have a natural shine and fresh-looking green caps.