

GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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CHRIST FOR ME

The presence of Christ
Is the joy of my life,
The service of Christ
Is the business of my life,
The will of Christ
Is the law of my life,
The glory of Christ
Is the crown of my life.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings are extended to the Rev. B.C. Young, Jr. of 716 E. Martin St., who will be celebrating another birthday on March 25. It is hoped that you will live long and happy so that you will be around to celebrate many, many more and enjoy the same.

DISTRICT CONDUCTS PROGRAM

Missionaries and Christian Education Institute of the Central North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church will conduct its program at Grace Chapel AME Zion Church, corner of Hill and Edenton streets, April 2-4. The motto will be "He That Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear." Theme is "Power to Serve the Present Age." Rev. W.E.

Judd is the pastor.

The Right Rev. John H. Miller, Sr. is the presiding bishop. Ms. Bernice Miller is episcopal supervisor; Dr. F.K. Woods, presiding elder; Ms. Mattie K. Woods, missionary president; Rev. J.A. Boyd, president; Dr. J.W. Redfern, dean; Rev. Elsie Degraffenreid, secretary. Classes begin each evening at 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

TO SPONSOR BAKE SALE

The Cathedral Choir of Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church will sponsor a bake sale at the church on Sunday, March 24, following the morning service.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED

Our love and deepest sympathy are extended to the Blalock family in the death of their loved one, William Blalock, Jr., last week. May God soon dry up all of your tears, and look for higher things.

NOTE:

Thanks for your calls and correspondences. We'll continue to look forward to your calls.

BR. JAMES THOMAS'

GOSPEL WORLD



Matthew Chapel Holiness Church, Hwy. 55, will have two nights of youth revival Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. Rev. John Wilson, assistant minister of the Church of God of Prophecy, Apex, will be the speaker. Men's Day will be observed Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the same location. Rev. Ruffin Turner will be the speaker.

A fellowship night will be observed Friday at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Building in Apex, sponsored by the Ninth District Order of the Eastern Star, PHA. All members are asked to bring a covered dish.

The Junior Usher Board of Faith Missionary Baptist Church will observe its 16th anniversary Sunday at 5 p.m. Rev. James Isaac, III, will be the speaker with the choir and congregation of Oberlin Baptist Church.

The Pastor's Aides of Wendell First Baptist Church in Wendell will observe their fourth anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. Rev. W.A. Morgan will be the speaker.

Revival is now in progress nightly at the Church of God of Prophecy, Utley Street in Holly Springs. Sis. Betty Davis is the speaker for the week.

The Capitol City Five will sing Sunday at 7 p.m. at Smith Temple Freewill Baptist Church for the September Birthday Building Fund.

The Goldenaires of Haw River Baptist Church, Chatham County, will sponsor a benefit program Sunday at 6 p.m. Rev. Stanley Burnett will be the speaker.

The New Spirit Gospel Choir of the Laodicea United Church of Christ will observe its 14th anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. with the RTA Gospel Choir and the Garner High School Gospel Choir.

The Senior Choir, formerly the C.W. Brooks Choir of Pleasant Union United Church of Christ, will observe an anniversary Sunday at 2 p.m.

An Easter program will be presented Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Augusta Freewill Baptist Church in Fuquay-Varina.

A 12 Tribes Rally will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Deliverance Cathedral of Love. Rev. Bonapart will be the speaker.

The 24th anniversary of Earl Royal Gospel Hour will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Johnston Central Alumni Center in Smithfield.

A Praise, Healing and Deliverance Service will be presented Friday at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 2410 Creech Road. Rev. Patricia Jones will be the speaker.

A musical baby contest program will be presented Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Felton Grove Baptist Church, with the SHM Youth Choir of Apex, solo by seven-year-old Joshua Anderson and two-year-old Charletta Renee Barnes of Fuquay, and others.

The First Aides of St. Matthew Baptist Church on Louisville Road will sponsor a musical program Sunday at 3 p.m.

The Church of God for All People in Fuquay is now celebrating its anniversary nightly at 7:30 p.m., with different speakers.

The Willow Spring Gospel Choir will observe its 18th anniversary Sunday at 2 p.m. at Willow Spring Freewill Baptist Church, Clayton.

Sis. McNeil of New Jerusalem will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at St.

Matthew Church in Zebulon.

Pastor Willis Barnes and Freedom Temple House of Prayer will render service Friday at 8 p.m. at Bible-Way Holiness Church in Garner. Family and Friendship Day will be celebrated Sunday at 11:15 a.m. Evangelist Ronnie and Linda Jones will be the speakers. Services will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. with the Congregational Holy Church and others at the same location.

Sunday School is held each week at 10 a.m. with worship service at 11:30 a.m. at True-Way Church of God in Christ Jesus, 323 Lynch St., Apex.

Tupper Memorial Baptist Church Senior Choir will render service Sunday at 4 p.m. at Maple Temple United Church of Christ.

The Mass Choir's first anniversary will be celebrated Sunday at 5 p.m. at Jones Hill Baptist Church, with the Pilgrim Travelers, the Gospel Pearlettes, special guests the Mighty Golden Bells, and others.

Bro. Elvis Harris and the Carolina Wonders will observe their fourth singing anniversary Sunday at Rolesville Elementary School, Rolesville. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the program begins at 5 p.m.

St. John AME Church will have a memorial service for the late George Tucker Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served. The church is located at 3001 Tryon Road, Raleigh.

Bishop Timpson and the Young Adult Choir will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church in Willow Springs. The Mother Board will sponsor a musical program Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the same location, with the Braece Singers of Angier and others.

The Travelettes and Co. will sponsor a spring celebration and gospel program at the Raleigh Safety Club Sunday. The doors open at 4 p.m. and the program begins at 5 p.m.

The Missionary Department of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Marcus Ingram, pastor, will observe its anniversary Sunday at 6 p.m. Rev. Turner and congregation of Hollands Chapel will be the guests.

The Chancellor Choir of First Baptist Church in Franklinton will observe their second anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Enloe High School Gospel Choir will be presented in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon United Church of Christ, Clayton.

Rev. Kenneth Lewis will render service Saturday at 7 p.m. at St. John United Holy Church in Zebulon. Music will be provided by Mt. Carmel AME Church, Bailey, and First Baptist Church, Wendell.

Noonday prayer is now being held each week at Deliverance Tabernacle Holy Church, located off the Old Stage Road. Sunday School is held each week at 10:30 a.m. with worship service at 11:30 a.m. Evangelist Larry Badger will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at the same location, for the Young People's Program.

Deliverance Tabernacle Holiness Church and Sylvia Chapel will render service Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Green Hill Baptist Church.

Bro. Teddy Harris and the Golden Wings will be at Macedonia Pentecostal Holiness Church, Norfolk, Va., Sunday at 1 p.m.

Bishop M.S. Hussein will be the

UNITED CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

Sunday School opened at 10 a.m. The lesson was "Guidance About Marriage," I Corinthians 7:3-16. The morning service started at 11 a.m. with Bro. Chavis at the organ and Rev. Carter making the call to worship.

The hymn for the morning was "O How I Love Jesus." Invocation was by the pastor while the choir chanted "Pray for Me." The second hymn was "At the Cross."

Scripture was taken from Isaiah 55. Gloria Patri was followed by the recognition of visitors by Bro. Massenburg and prayer time by Bro. Perry. A special selection of "Call Him Up" was led by Sis. Campbell.

The morning sermon was taken from Isaiah 55:1 on the subject, "Gospel Invitation." He said when you accept Jesus Christ in your life, your walk will be different, your talk will be different, and you wear a smile. When the Lord touches you, you can't explain it to anyone, but you have a burning in your soul. Some folk feel they don't need Jesus, because they have fine homes, cars, are doing fine. As soon as hard luck hits them, they call on God and say, "Just as I Am." If you make one step, God will make two. Come to Jesus while you can. He will not turn you away.

He said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He will not turn you away. Seek the Lord. Salvation is free. Let Him walk and talk with you. Put your hand in God's hand.

The closing hymn was "Christ is All."

Visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Joyner, the Wilder family, Sadie Donaldson, Wanda McMullen, Willie McCargo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Day will be held next Sunday, March 24, at 11 a.m. Rev. Burt will be the speaker for the day.

Choir rehearsal will be held Saturday at 1 p.m.

On the sick list are Ms. Rose Doves, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Copeland, Alex Hughes, Christopher Whitaker, Ms. Christine Williams, Ms. Cora McAlley.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Joe Perry to our church. We are so glad to have you. We have been praying that you would join.

Church reporter is Hallowees Saunders.

OAK CITY BAPTIST

Superintendent James McFadden opened Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Classes devoted time to the discussion of the lesson, "Guidance About Marriage," I Corinthians 7:3-16. It was emphasized that marriage is to be a permanent relationship marked by mutual consideration.

Morning worship began with an organ prelude by Ms. Cynthia Sanders. Music was rendered by the Male Chorus with Ms. Lorraine

DEATHS

ROBERT MERRITT

Funeral services for the late Robert Merritt, of 1011 1/2 S. Wilmington St., were held Monday, March 19, in the Lightner Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Raleigh National Cemetery.

Surviving are daughter, Pam Pulley of Raleigh; sister, Annie L. Merritt of Raleigh; brothers, Linwood W. Merritt and Lester Merritt, both of Raleigh; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Lightner Funeral Home.

WILSON BOYKINS

Wilson Boykins, 1804 Boaz St., Raleigh, died March 14. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral Home.

MS. LILLIE MAE FELLERS BALL

Funeral services for the late Ms. Lillie Mae Fellers Ball, 90, of 415 Lamont St., were held Monday, March 18, at the Lightner Funeral Home.

speaker Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mission Temple Community Freewill Baptist Church.

The annual Holy Union will take place Friday at Mt. Pleasant Holy Church, 1424 Sawyer Road. Pastor Curtis Reid will be the speaker. Pastor Ellis Keith will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at the same location.

Morning service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Greater Ebenezer Holiness Church. Pastor Overseer W.R. Turner will be the speaker.

Rogers Chapel CME Church family will celebrate its church anniversary Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Bobby Best and congregation of Young Missionary Temple Church will be in charge of services. Dinner will be served.

Davenport at the piano.

Children's Hour was conducted by Rev. Patrice Fields. After commenting on the theme song, "Jesus Loves Me," Rev. Fields repeated Psalms 133. She chose as her topic, "Relationships." She stated that one should have a good relationship with God and others.

Pastor William T. Newkirk began a series of messages that will be concluded on Easter Sunday. His topic was "Born to Die," John 12:20-32. He stated Jesus' purpose for coming into the world was to save man from sin.

On Saturday at 7:30 a.m., the men of Oak City met for breakfast and the organization of the Laymen's League. Paul Pope, Jr. was elected president.

Congratulations are extended to Paul Pope, Jr. on his recognition as a Black Achiever by the YMCA. He was honored at the Black Achievers Banquet on Thursday night at the Holiday Inn. Some members of Oak City attending the banquet were Richard H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pope, Sr., Joseph Pope, Ms. Gertrude Pope and Ms. Lois Pope Hunter.

The Raleigh-Apex NAACP held its annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday night at Shaw University. Evangelist Shirley Caesar thrilled the audience with her speech.

Congratulations are extended to Ms. Gertrude Pope and others who received life NAACP membership plaques.

The Easter Cantata will be held March 24 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend this program at Oak City Baptist Church.

BRIGHT HOPE DIVINE HOLY CHURCH OF GOD, INC.

We had a very inspiring lesson in Sunday School. The title of the lesson was "Guidance About Marriage."

Praise service was conducted by Evangelist Betty Crisp and Evangelist Deborah Gordon. The morning service began at 11:45 a.m. with Evangelist Annie Blackmor presiding. Music was rendered by the Bright Hope Male Chorus. Elder Charles Atkinson prayed for the sick and shut-in. Minister Joyce Alston read the scripture.

Renee Wiggins welcomed the visitors and gave the announcements for the week. Evangelist Blackmon introduced the speaker for the morning service, Eldress Mary White, who delivered the morning message.

The message was titled "Seek Ye First," Matthew 6:33-34. The speaker stated that we were seeking the wrong things from God. Seek the kingdom of God first in everything and in every aspect of life. We must live here on earth before we can live in Heaven. While seeking God ask Him to remove old attitudes, unforgiving spirits, foolish talking, negative ways, old opinions and self. Self can keep us from receiving blessings from God. We must learn to seek God for the smallest of things to the

Chapel. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are spouse, James H. Ball; daughter, Agnes S. Penny; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Viola S. McLeod; one son, Luther Sanders; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fellers.

Arrangements were handled by Lightner Funeral Home.

FRED P. DEBNAM

Funeral services for the late Fred P. Debnam, 62, of Route 2, Box 159, were held Wednesday, March 20, at the Good Hope Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are sons, Fred F. Debnam, II of Dallas, Texas, Jerry P. Debnam and Kenneth C. Debnam, both of Greensboro; sisters, Renella Debnam, Virginia Seawell, Swahola McKinnon and Phyllis Dunn, all of Raleigh; brothers, Garnell M. Debnam, Judson H. Debnam and Clarence R. Debnam, all of Raleigh, Dwight C. Debnam of Washington, D.C.; and four grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by Lightner Funeral Home.

MS. HENLEEN CANNADY

Ms. Henleen Cannady, 1412 Lions Way, Raleigh, died March 17. Arrangements were by Haywood Funeral Home.

MS. ODESSA B. DENNIS

Ms. Odessa B. Dennis, Hillhaven Convalescent Home, Raleigh, died March 17. Arrangements were handled by Haywood Funeral Home.

WILLIE M. MCCLAIN

Willie M. McClain, 120 Carver St., Raleigh, died March 16. Arrangements were by Haywood Funeral Home.

largest. Many wonderful things will be added unto us after we seek the kingdom of God.

In the evening service, Eldress Mary White continued the message about seeking the kingdom of God.

Prayer and Bible study will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Prayer is held Thursday at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Church reporter is R. LaSane.

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

It was the third Sunday, and Youth Day and Quarterly Conference Day were observed. The presiding elder, Dr. F.K. Woods, of Fayetteville was with the church and held his second quarterly conference for the Raleigh District.

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, the classes moved to their places and began lesson study periods.

Returning to the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m., they listened to a general review of the lesson given by Ms. Eula Turner. Remarks and announcements followed. Then came class reports and the 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 organ and piano preludes were heard, being played by Ms. Ethel Jeffreys and Mr. Cox. Then came the professional, led by members of the Junior Choir and Spiritual Chorus. As they paused around the altar, the call to worship, scripture and song of praise were given by the pastor, Rev. Claude E. Willie, III. The invocation and choral response followed. The first hymn of preparation was "Praise Him, Praise Him." The responsive reading was for the 11th Sunday morning, led by the pastor. The Gloria Patri followed.

Scripture lesson was then read by Rev. Vann McClean from the gospel of John 19 comprising seven verses. The pastoral prayer was offered by Neal Sanders. The hymn of praise was "Near the Cross." The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. Announcements were given by the pastor. Then came the ministry of kindness and altar call, with a soul-stirring prayer by Rev. Jean Thomas.

Selections of "All I Need in Jesus" and "God is Able" were done by the Spiritual Chorus. The pastor then introduced Dr. F.K. Woods, the presiding elder of the Raleigh District, who delivered a powerful gospel message, having chosen his discourse from I John 1:9 on the subject, "It's No Use." He said if we make mistakes, John reminds us that God is sincere and able to bring us out of sin and degradation. If you want to win life's race, when you fall, get up. One must always be faithful.

As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, the choirs sang "Just As I Am." The offering and recognition of visitors followed. Benediction and recessional were next, closing the morning service.

Immediately after the service, the presiding elder held his second quarterly conference with all of the officers, groups, class leaders and presidents of boards answering to the roll call by reporting the progress and financial status of their groups. To these the presiding elder commented.

Rev. Jean Thomas was presented to the presiding elder for consideration, at which time she presented her credentials. She will be a great asset to the church and district. She was gladly received. Remarks of the elder and Ms. Mattie K. Woods, the president of the district Woman's Home and Overseas Society, were followed by the benediction.

Ms. Annie H. Thorpe is church reporter.

Area Schools Introduce MOBIUS Program Aides

If your children say they're learning trash in school, they could be more serious than you think. Recently, Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. introduced the MOBIUS curriculum to the students of Wake County elementary schools.

BFI, with input from teachers across North America, developed the MOBIUS curriculum to heighten awareness among fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students about the importance and advantages of responsible management of solid waste and recycling. A quiz bowl was held at Bugg Elementary on Cooper Road last week.

According to North Carolina teachers who have been introduced to the curriculum, MOBIUS will influence student attitudes and values, which may in turn affect parents. Furthermore, they say, the program seems to provide a well-defined, easy-to-follow curriculum.

The MOBIUS curriculum teaches children about solid waste handling options, from recycling and landfills to incinerators and composting. By involving students in quizzes, class discussions, art projects, skits, math games and puzzles, the curriculum makes the subject accessible—and fun—for children who learn in a

variety of ways. The quiz bowl is one of eight activities provided by the curriculum.

The curriculum easily integrates into existing lesson plans by enhancing science and math concepts. Reading skills through vocabulary recognition are also recognized.

In addition, the activities MOBIUS provides offer great opportunities for ongoing student participation. Parents look forward to their children's exposure to environmental education.

As part of its push toward an improved environment, Wake County, in conjunction with the City of Raleigh, has developed a processing center for the area. Instruction has begun, and the city hopes to have it completed by late spring. The facility will receive pre-sorted recyclable materials, such as glass bottles and jars, newspapers, aluminum and bi-metal cans and plastic PET bottles.

MOBIUS satisfies the state requirements for environmental education programs resulting from Senate Bill 111—An Act to Improve the Management of Solid Waste. Also, as part of the bill, the state plans to develop a more efficient system of managing solid waste to reduce at least 25 percent of the total waste stream through recycling by January 1993. Counties are now required to develop and implement recycling and education programs.

In November, Dr. Jake Brown, science consultant to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, informed BFI that the state had approved the MOBIUS curriculum for use in school systems throughout North Carolina. According to Dr. Brown, "The MOBIUS curriculum has been reviewed and meets the requirements of Senate Bill 111 as an effective recycling/environmental education program. The science section of the State Department of Public Instruction endorses the use of BFI's MOBIUS instructional materials to assist students in learning selected environmental objectives in the North Carolina Standard Course of Study."

BFI, the developer of MOBIUS, is one of the world's largest publicly held waste handling companies. BFI collects, transports, treats, and disposes of commercial, residential, and municipal solid waste. The company also manages resource recovery facilities, landfilling, composting, and recycling. BFI's subsidiaries and affiliate operate in approximately 423 locations serving nearly 800 communities in the United States, Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Puerto Rico, Spain, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. The company's corporate headquarters is in Houston, Texas.

Submerge a lemon in hot water for 15 minutes before squeezing it to get almost twice as much juice.