

GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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BE THE BEST OF WHATEVER YOU ARE

If you can't be a pine
On the top of the hill,
Be a scrub in the valley—
But be the best little scrub
By the side of the rill,
Be a bush if you can't be a tree.
We can't be captains,
We've got to be crew,
There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do,
And there's lesser to do,
And the task you must do is near.
If you can't be a highway,
Just be a trail.
If you can't be the sun—Be a star.
It isn't by size
That you win or you fail,
Be the best of whatever you are.

—Douglas Malloch

HAPPY BELATED 96TH BIRTHDAY

Belated but happy 96th birthday greetings are extended to Ms. Annie Green of 4 Chatham Terrace who observed another birthday on Monday, April 15. God has and is still good to you. Realizing the good you have done for others through the years. You were allotted fourscore years and 10—and for reasons you have

been allotted many more. Remember, God is still on the throne and He will certainly care for His own. Keep on living, dear. She is the mother of Ms. Marie Thorpe with whom she lives at 4 Chatham Terrace. Happy birthday, dear.

ORATORICAL CONTEST HELD
The IBPOE District Oratorical Contest will be held at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Sunday, April 28, at 4 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP DAY
Friendship Day celebration will be held at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Sunday, April 28, at 11 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Belated but happy birthday greetings are extended to Shirley Moore of 306 Plaza Drive, Garner, who celebrated another birthday on April 17. We are sure that each time it comes around, that we think and then enjoy the same. Keep on living, dear, and thank God because He is good. Happy birthday.

NOTE:
Thanks for your calls and let's keep it up. We'll be listening again this week.

BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

GOSPEL WORLD



The Missionary Committee of Avery's Grove AME Zion Church will present Rev. Tyrone Tillman, pastor of Grace Tabernacle Christian Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday at 4 p.m.

Friendship Chapel, Olive Branch and Union Grove Baptist Church's annual United Spring Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Union Grove Baptist Church, College Street, Youngsville. Rev. Ernest Battle of Rocky Mount is speaker for the week.

Evangelist Eva Burroughs Adams of Zebulon will be presented in concert as soloist Saturday at 5 p.m. at Straightway Temple Church on Rosenberg Road in Zebulon.

Fashion to Fellow pageant and reception will be held Sunday at 4 p.m. at Old Liberty Baptist Church, Youngsville, sponsored by the Hospitality Department.

Young's Missionary Temple CME Church will observe its annual Women's Day service Sunday at 11 a.m. Ms. Freddie Murchison will be the speaker.

The Clifton Singers of Wake Forest present in concert Bro. Samuel Allen of Las Vegas, Nev., Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Paul Church of Christ in Greensboro.

Pineville Chapel Church of Clayton, located off Hwy. 42 East of Clayton is now holding revival nightly at 7:30 p.m. Elder Chester Richardson of Howell Chapel, Selma, is the speaker for the week.

Ms. Bertha Tucker will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Disciples Church in Rolesville for Women's Day.

Spring revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at New Rock Spring United Church of Christ.

The annual Sunday School celebration will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Cary First United Church of Christ. Rev. Cleo Harris will be the speaker.

Youth revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Mitchener Grove Baptist Church, Hwy. 56, east of Franklinton, with different speakers nightly.

The Gospel Choir of Hawkins Chapel Church will observe its 12th anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m., featuring the Christian Harmonettes of Durham, James Martin and the Harmonettes of Henderson, the Souls of Calvary of Franklinton and others.

The fifth anniversary of Prince and the Mighty Flames of Joy of Bethel will be observed Sunday at Bethel Elementary School.

The men of St. Joseph Church will have their men's fellowship breakfast Sunday from 7-9 a.m. Rev. Nathaniel Woods of New Providence Baptist Church will be in charge.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have its Youth Day service Sunday at 11 a.m. Evangelist Hattie Lofton of Hickory Grove Disciples Church of Christ will be the speaker.

Matthew Chapel Church, Hwy. 55, is now holding revival nightly at 7:30 p.m. Rev. L. Gene Hatley, pastor of Barber's Chapel Church, Chapel Hill, is speaker for the week.

The Usher Board Department of Hatcher Grove Baptist Church will

have a musical program Sunday at 3 p.m. for the building fund at the church.

First Baptist Church of Holly Springs will observe Men's Day Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Clayton Male Chorus will observe its 36th anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Clayton.

The Deacons Board of Juniper Level will observe its anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. at Juniper Level Church. Rev. Nathaniel Woods of New Providence Baptist Church will be the speaker, with his choir and congregation.

A celebration will be held at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Apex, in Chatham County, Saturday at 6 p.m. The Young Adult Choir will sponsor a mini-workshop featuring Corey Williams of Greensboro and others.

An Interdenominational Spring Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Smithfield. Bishop E.V. George, pastor of Bentonville and Point Level Disciples Church, will be speaker for the week.

The Gospel Angel Tones of Hillsborough will observe their 24th anniversary at the convention site located on Guess road in Durham, Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Williams Grove Baptist Church, 735 Rock Quarry Road, will observe Family Day Sunday at 5 p.m. Bishop George A. Curtis, pastor of the Christ Holiness Evangelistic Temple, Mt. Olive, will be the speaker. Bright Hope Male Chorus will render the music.

Union Baptist Church will sponsor a musical appreciation program for Elder Charles Jeffreys Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

The seventh anniversary of Russell Clegg and the Family Gospel Singers of Selma will be held Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club on Vandora Springs Road in Garner, featuring the Gospel Travelettes of Smithfield, Paul Gill and Sons of Faith, Frank Marshall and the Marshallaires of Wallace.

The Davis Inspirational Singers of Baxzel Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, will be presented in concert Sunday at 3 p.m. at Free Spirit Missionary Baptist Church, corner of Waddell and Pollock streets in Selma.

The J.W. Ligonclass of 1968 will present a gospel concert Sunday at 4 p.m. at Enloe High School.

Bishop Timpson and the Young Adult Choir will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church.

The Capitol City Five will sing Sunday at 3 p.m. at Terrells Creek Missionary Baptist Church for the Pastor's Aide Group, with a Rainbow Tea.

Mt. Vernon United Church of Christ, Clayton, will observe its annual Women's Day Sunday morning. Ms. Mae Perry of Long Branch Disciples Church and singer of the Branchettes will be the speaker.

A musical program will be presented Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at the

UNITED CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

Sunday School opened at 10 a.m. with the pastor teaching the lesson from I Corinthians 12:27, 13:13. With Bro. Chavis at the organ, Rev. Carter opened the morning service at 11 a.m. The hymn of the morning was "What a Fellowship." Prayer was offered by Rev. Carter, while the choir chanted, "He's Sweet I Know." The second hymn was "At the Cross."

Scripture was read from Corinthians 5:1-12. The Apostles' Creed was followed by announcements by Bro. Wilder. The mission offering was lifted as the choir and congregation sang "Oh, I Want to See Him." Prayer time around the altar was led by Bro. Perry.

The special selection was "May The Work I've Done" by Bro. McAlley.

The sermon text was taken from II Corinthians on the subject "The Earthly Dwelling of Believers." He said we find folks with earthly homes doing a lot of things to beautify their homes, but we forget this earthly body is soon deceased. We have a building not made by hands, that our Heavenly Father built for us that lasts forever where we can go, an eternal home in heaven, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Are we willing to be absent from this body and be present in the Lord? We have got to prepare ourselves now and one day God will say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We must all appear before God and be judged, and say, "Lord, I came this far by faith." Invitational hymn was "Where He Leads Me." The closing hymn was "Farther Along."

The sick of the church are Ms. Rose Dove, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Copeland, Alex Hughes, Christopher Whitaker, Ms. Christine Williams. Happy to hear that Ms. Cora McAlley is home. We are praying for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Church rehearsal will be held Saturday at 1 p.m.

We extend our sympathy to Ms. McAlley in the passing of her father.

We hope Bro. Massenburg had a good time in New York. We missed you.

Church reporter is Hallowees Saunders.

OAK CITY BAPTIST
Sunday School opened at 9:45 a.m. "Learning to Love" was the subject of the lesson. Focal passage was I Corinthians 12:27-13:13. The main idea of this lesson was that love is the supreme Christian quality.

A membership campaign is being launched. Superintendent McFadden urged all to bring another person to Sunday School.

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

Deacon Hubert Fitts conducted the Children's Hour. He used for his subject, "An Inquiring Mind," II Chronicles 9. He related to the children that National Library Week was being observed. He asked how many people had visited a library during the week. He urged the children to go to the library and read books. Examples of people with inquiring minds were given. The Queen of Sheba was curious. Solomon was the wisest of all men. He told the children to study to show themselves approved.

Pastor William T. Newkirk delivered the morning message, "Walking Before God," taken from Genesis 17:1-8. He pointed out the business of walking before God is very important. God is a Father of mercies. Abraham was an example of the father of the faithful. God will fulfill all promises and will meet our needs in everything. We should ask God to make us what we ought to be.

The church extends its deepest sympathy to the Clark family in the death of their loved one, Ms. Melvin Goldstone.

Lily of the Valley Church, with the Gospel All-Stars, the Wings of Faith, the Carolina Wonders and others.

The Male Chorus of First Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, will observe their seventh singing anniversary Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Annual spring revival is now in progress nightly at 8 p.m. at Faith Healing Center. Pastor Charlie Thompson of Alston Memorial, Hillsborough, is the speaker for the week. Evangelist Elizabeth Howard will be the speaker Sunday at 11:30 a.m. Elder Charlie Atkinson will be the speaker Sunday at 3 p.m. at the same location on Evangelist Carrie Wilkerson's anniversary, with the Bright Hope Male Chorus.

Minister Crusade Revival is now in progress nightly at 7:30 p.m. at True-Way Holy Church, off the Old Stage Road, with different speakers nightly.

Rev. Janice Williams of Goldsboro will be the speaker Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Lily of the Valley Church.

The Usher Board of Little Zion Baptist Church, Youngsville, will observe an anniversary Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Quinton Alston and Jones Chapel Baptist Church will be in charge of services.

Revival is now in progress nightly at St. James Holy Church, 701 Bart St. Elder Willie Lanier of Miracle Temple Holy Church of Fuquay-Varina will be the speaker. Elder Rice of Myrtle Beach, S.C., will be the speaker Sunday at the same location.

The Male Choir of St. Mary AME Church will observe its second anniversary Sunday at 2 p.m. at St. Mary AME Church in Apex.

Piney Grove AME Church, 3813 Pleasant Valley Road, will observe its annual Women's Day service Sunday at 11 a.m. The Lola Chavis Women's Missionary Society will observe its annual Ladies' Night in White Sunday at 6 p.m. at the same location.

Faith Missionary Baptist Church will observe its 17th annual Men's Day Sunday at 11 a.m. Rev. Paul A. Johnson of Durham will be the speaker.

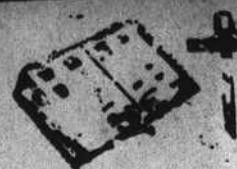
Woodland Chapel Baptist Church, Wake Forest, will observe its annual Women's Day Sunday at 11 a.m. Sis. Jessie Peacock will be the speaker, with the New Horizon of Holly Springs.

Ebenezer Baptist Church and pastor, Rev. B.V. Alston, will conduct worship services Sunday at 11 a.m. at the Raleigh Safety Club. Rev. Douglas M. Alston will be the speaker.

Evangelistic services will be held Friday at 8 p.m. at the Gateway to Heaven Holiness Church. Evangelist Smith of the Sisters of Mercy and Brothers of Hope Mission will be the speaker.

Sunday School will be held at Gateway to Heaven Holiness Church at 10 a.m. with worship Sunday at 11 a.m. Evangelist Rosie Lockley will be the speaker.

Come To Church



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you looking for summer employment, a career change or that first job? Oak City Baptist Church's BTU sponsors "How to Get That Job." The workshop leader will be Julius Montague, regional manager of human resources and corporate EEO compliance officer. He has more than 22 years of experience in personnel management. Montague is a member of Wakefield Baptist Church, Zebulon, where Rev. John T. Parks is pastor. The workshop will be held Sunday, April 27, at 4 p.m.

Shaw Day will be held Sunday, April 28, during the morning worship. Members of the committee are Ms. Cassandra Cofield, chairperson; Ms. Debra Burch, co-chairperson; and all Shaw University graduates. Dr. James Z. Alexander will be the speaker.

GRACE AME ZION

Sunday School opened at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, John Winston, in charge. Morning worship began at 11 a.m., with the pastor, Rev. William E. Judd, giving the call to worship. The music was furnished by the Senior Choir, under the direction of Paul Atlas at the piano. The choral response was "Bless the Lord." Opening hymn was "Blessed Assurance."

Responsive reading was by John Winston, followed by the affirmation of faith. The Gloria Patri was followed by the hymn of praise, "I Have Found a Friend."

Scripture was read by Rev. Judd from John 20:19-31. The preparation selection was "Lead Me." Altar prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. Judd. Choral response was "Oh, How I Love Jesus." The ushers lifted the ministry of kindness offering.

Children's hour was led by Ms. Cheryl Godwin. Tithes and offerings were lifted as the choir and congregation sang "All Things Come of Thee, O Lord." Rev. Judd took his text from John 20:25, "How Quick Do We Forget." Invitation to Christian discipleship was extended. Holy Communion followed. This ended the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer meeting and Bible study will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal is held each Saturday at 3 p.m.

Church reporter is Ms. Barbara B. Malloy.

BRIGHT HOPE DIVINE HOLY CHURCH OF GOD, INC.

The fourth annual Combined Con-

Reading Program Extends

The Triangle Radio Reading Service, previously available only in Wake County, now can be heard by blind, physically impaired and otherwise print handicapped people in Wake, Durham, Orange and Chatham counties.

Expansion of the popular news, information and entertainment service was made possible by transfer of the TRRS signal to WUNC-FM, the University of North Carolina Public Radio station in Chapel Hill. Technical support for transfer of the signal to WUNC was provided by the Microelectronics Center of North Carolina.

In announcing the expansion, Annette Henry, TRRS executive director, stated, "This move makes us truly a regional service with the ability to serve many more people. Each of our listeners has a need for news and information; each wants to be abreast of current events and each enjoys participating in community life. We hope to at least double the number of people who can benefit from the service."

The broadcasts are received through specially programmed radio receivers provided by TRRS to individuals in their homes as well as

nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions. It is also heard on Cablevision of Raleigh on Channel 11 and on Cablevision Industries Channel 11 in Cary, Apex and Fuquay-Varina. More than 200 additional receivers have been distributed to accommodate the expansion.

Daily readings of the Raleigh News and Observer and other Wake County area newspapers, such as the Cary News, have been augmented with readings of the Durham Herald Sun and the Chapel Hill Newspaper, as well as The CAROLINIAN.

The Triangle Radio Reading Service is managed by a small, professional staff and has more than 80 volunteer readers. In addition to broadcasting news and information from area print media, TRRS brings to its audience readings of best-selling books and periodicals.

Started in 1983, the TRRS is a United Way agency supported by Wake County, the City of Raleigh, the Sir Walter Lions Club and other area Lions Clubs and by individual donations.

Funding for the expansion was provided by the Hillsdale Fund and the Glaxo Special-Projects Fund.

DEATHS

WILBERT L. WALTON

Funeral services for the late Wilbert L. Walton, 73, of 611 Garner Road, were held Saturday, April 20, at the Juniper Level Baptist Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Surviving are sister, Mary E. Myatt of Raleigh; brothers, Ralph Walton, Jr. of Garner, Eddie Walton and Raymond Walton, both of Raleigh.

Arrangements were handled by Lightner Funeral Home.

ULAS SEAWELL

Ulas Seawell, 5411 Allen Drive, Raleigh, died April 22. Arrangements were by Haywood Funeral Home.

MELVIN GOLDSTONE

Melvin Goldstone, 704 Method Road, Raleigh, died April 19. Arrangements were by Lea Funeral

Home.

DOZA B. WALKER

Doza B. Walker, 120 Center St., Garner, died April 19. Arrangements were by Haywood Funeral Home, Raleigh.

MS. LENORAH GALE

Funeral services for the late Lenorah Gale, 89, of 1309 E. Jones St., were held Monday, April 22, at Martin Street Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving are daughters, Dorothy L. Gale and Ms. Swanora B. Gale, both of Raleigh; son, Robert B. Gale, Jr. of Willimantic, Conn.; sisters, Kattie Lee of Newark, N.J., and Minnie Watson of Clayton; brother, Major Sanders, Jr. of Clayton; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Lightner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

vention of the Divine Holy Churches of God, Inc. began Sunday School with Superintendent Rebecca LaSane in charge. Classes assembled after devotion. The title of the Sunday School lesson was "The More Excellent Way." The review of the lesson was given by the superintendent.

The morning worship service began with mixed delegates in charge of the devotion and praise service. Music was rendered by the Convention Choir. Presiding over the service was Evangelist Elizabeth Brock of Lumberton, N.C. She is the Assistant Pastor of Bright Hope D.H.C.O.G. No. 2. Deacon Billy Powell delivered the prayer and Rhonda White read the scripture.

Deaconess Julia Carrington, president of the Junior Church of God's Holy Tabernacle DHCOC, Durham, gave the children's word.

Evangelist Deborah Gordon was the speaker for the morning service. She was introduced by Rhonda White. Evangelist Gordon is the vice president of the Youth Convention of Bright Hope DHCOC, Raleigh.

Evangelist Gordon spoke about seeing Jesus. The title of the message was "It's Time to See Jesus," and the sub-topic was "Don't Look the Wrong Way." The members were encouraged to find and seek Jesus while in our youth and old age. Do a great work for the Lord while we're able. Jesus can't be found in the wrong places or with the wrong types of people. If Christ is taught to the youth at an early age they will remember Him even if they don't remain in the church.

Benediction ended the service. The speaker for the evangelistic service held at 4 p.m. was Pastor James P. Perkins, pastor of Victory Tabernacle Church, Raleigh. The message was delivered from Isaiah 51. Pastor Perkins advised the congregation not to lose their connection with God.

Benediction ended the service. Reporter is R. LaSane.

RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

It was the third Sunday, and Youth Day was celebrated, with the youth of the church in partial charge of the services.

Church School began at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent, Jesse Degraffenreid, in charge and conducting the devotional period while all the classes were assembled. At the close of these all classes moved to their places and began the lesson study periods. Returning to the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m., they listened to a review of the lesson by Ms. Bettie Douglas. Remarks and announcements followed. Then came class reports and the awarding of banners for attendance and finance. With the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mixpah, this phase of worship ended.

At 10:55 a.m., the preludes were heard as played by Ms. Ethel Jeffreys and Mr. Cox. Then came the processional, led by members of the Junior Choir and Spiritual Chorus, marching in to the tune of "We're Marching Up to Zion." 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 followed.

Then came the invocation and choral response of "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord." The first hymn of preparation was "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

The responsive reading was then led by Rev. Jean Thomas. The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture was then read by Rev. Vann McClain from Acts 4, comprising 10 verses. The pastoral prayer was offered by Rev. Lee Wyatt King. The second hymn of praise was "Come, Thou Fount." The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed as led by Rev. King. The announcements were made by the pastor. The ministry of kindness followed as the Junior Choir sang "Take Me Back" as the altar call where many came and knelt around the altar petitioning prayers for themselves and the sick and shut-in. Rev. Thomas offered the prayer. Selections were then rendered by the Spiritual Chorus of "Touch Me, Lord Jesus," "Bound for Mt. Zion," "Climbing Up on the Rough Side of the Mountain," with soloist Ms. Norvie Evans. The pastor then delivered a powerful gospel message, having chosen his discourse from Acts 2:1-3. His subject was "The Power of God Brings Life to a Church." The minister began by saying that the church is the true church in your heart and then explored the subject from many viewpoints.

As the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, the choir and congregation sang "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." The offering and recognition of visitors and benediction followed.

At 3 p.m., the NAACP Mother of the Year contest was held.

At 5 p.m., Group No. 1 held their anniversary program with a special program with the Leonard Wilson Community Chorus furnishing the music.

Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.