

# Come To Church

## GABBING ABOUT TOWN

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### A SURE WAY TO A HAPPY DAY

Happiness is something  
We create in our mind,  
It's not something you search for  
And so seldom find—  
It's just waking up and  
Beginning the day,  
By counting your blessings  
And kneeling to pray,  
It's giving up thoughts  
That breed discontent  
And accepting what comes  
As a gift Heaven-sent,  
It's giving up wishing  
For things we have not,  
And making the best  
Of whatever we've got.  
It's knowing that life  
Is determined for us,  
And pursuing our task  
Without fret, fume or fuss,  
For it's by completing what God  
Gave us to do,  
That we find real contentment

And happiness, too.

—Helen Steiner Rice

### CONGRATULATIONS ON 43RD ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations and well wishes are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Sanders, Sr. of 744 Quarry St., who will be celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary on Wednesday, Jan. 22. May you continue to love and cherish each other for 43 more years (smile). Happy anniversary.

### MISSIONARY PROGRAM TO BE HELD

The Buds and Y Missionary Society will celebrate Victoria Richardson Day and the Marie L. Clinton Day at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m. A special program has been planned. The public is invited to attend.

### BRO. JAMES THOMAS'

## GOSPEL WORLD



The missionaries of Liberty Chapel United Church of Christ in Moncure will sponsor a program Sunday at 7 p.m. Rev. B. F. Whitlock will be the speaker.

The Music Committee of Good Hope Baptist Church in Knightdale is now in the process of accepting applications for a minister of music/musician. For information, call 833-5024.

The Men's Community Fellowship League will sponsor a fellowship breakfast Sunday from 7 to 9 a.m. at Good Samaritan Baptist Church on White Oak Road in Garner.

Johnston Piney Grove will be in concert at New Bethel Christian Church in Johnston County Sunday at 3 p.m.

Prayer service is held each Monday at 7:30 p.m. Bible class meets each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Communion and foot-washing service will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Miracle Temple Church. A building fund program will take place Friday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., with Sunday morning worship at 11:30 a.m. at the same location.

Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. with Sunday worship services at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer Holiness Church. Pastor is Overseer R. Turner.

Pine Grove AME Church will hold its Family Life Center seminar Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church, 4813 Pleasant Valley Road. Ms. Jennifer Robinson will be the speaker.

The Melvin Davis Memorial Singers will celebrate their 12th anniversary Saturday at 7 a.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Tupper Memorial Church, 501 S. Blount St.

St. Mary AME Church on South Salem and Lynch streets in Apex will observe its annual Family Night Sunday at 5 p.m.

The Male Chorus of Apex First Baptist Church will celebrate its 30th singing anniversary Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Pastor Howard V. Winston and congregation will present the Youth Department's first concert Sunday at 3 p.m. by Mt. Calvary Church, Jonesville. Pastor is Willie John.

A musical building fund program will be offered Sunday at 4 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church of Wake forest, featuring the Carolina Wonders of Raleigh, the Carolina Skyways of Wake Forest, the Alston Family of Louisburg and others.

The Pastor's Aid Circle of First Baptist Church in Franklinton will observe its fifth anniversary Sunday at 11 a.m. Dr. Coolidge McCoy will be the speaker, with music by the Gospel Chorus.

The Ethel Wilson Singers will celebrate their sixth anniversary Sunday at 3 p.m. at New Bethel United Church of Christ on the Old Poole Road.

Compassionate Tabernacle of Faith Baptist Church will celebrate its fourth church anniversary Sunday at 11 a.m. at Poe Elementary School Annex, 400 Peyton St. Rev. T.B. Jiles is pastor.

St. Paul AME Church Arts Society will embark on a new venture, a Visiting Artists Program, Saturday. For information, call 832-2709.

Rev. Willie B. McKoy will render service Sunday at 11 a.m. at Mission Temple Freewill Baptist Church, five miles south of Fuquay-Varina.

Prayer will be held each Monday at 7:30 p.m. Bible study is held each Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at St. James Holiness Church on Bart Street. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. with Sunday morning worship at 11:30 a.m. at the same location.

The Youth Department will sponsor a building fund musical program Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Paul No. 2 Church of Christ, Zebulon, near the Emit community.

Rev. Lonnie Allen of St. Mary Church in Apex will render service Sunday at 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Baptist Church on Holly Springs Road.

Deliverance Cathedral of Love's third annual Holy Convocation is now in progress nightly at the church, with different speakers nightly. Pastor James P. Perkins will be the speaker Saturday night. Bishop M.S. Nesbitt will be the speaker Sunday morning. Pastor Arnell Dunn will be the speaker Sunday night at the same location. For information, call 834-6012.

The McNeil, Farrar and Powell scholarship program will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at Holland Chapel Church in Apex. Ms. Hazel Bynum will be the speaker.

Elder Aaron Jordan will be in charge of services Sunday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Freewill Baptist Church in Willow Springs. Elder Martha Thorpe will be the speaker Sunday at 6 p.m. at the same location.

Sis. Murphy and Sis. Stallings will sponsor a program for the Forestville Road Sick Committee near Wake Forest Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. Toney Harris of Olive Branch Baptist Church will be the speaker.

## Home Affordability Reaches Poor In South

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Home ownership remains out of reach for the poor who live in the South's larger cities, a study shows.

Declining mortgage rates have made it easier for poor people in the Southeast to afford a home in the region's small- and medium-size cities, but not in the larger metropolitan areas, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta said in a study released last week.

"Larger urban areas, including Atlanta, Birmingham, Norfolk and Washington, tend to be less affordable," said Richard Fritz, the bank's senior economist.

The Federal Home Loan Bank helps provide credit to low-income people.

Fritz said the bank looked at various factors in assessing the cities.

### UNITED CHURCH FOR ALL PEOPLE

Call to worship was extended by Rev. Carter while Bro. Chavis was on the organ. The opening hymn, "Yield Not to Temptation," was followed by the invocation by Rev. Carter. The second hymn, "How Great Thou Art," was followed by scripture read from Luke 2:15-21 and Matthew 2:2-3. The Gloria Patri was followed by announcements by Bro. Massenburg.

Prayer around the altar was led by Bro. Perry. A special selection, "It Is Well With My Soul," was offered by Ms. Carter.

The subject of the sermon was "There Are Still Wise Men, But What Is A Wise Man?" We celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday because he was a wise man. Adam Clayton Powell, George Washington Carver were wise men. Sometimes we feel that we know everything about the Bible, all 66 books, but if you don't know God and have Him in your heart, the books are no good to you and you are lost and need to be saved. We need to be wise enough to know that He is great and He is good, He is the same today, tomorrow and always.

The closing hymn was "Yes, God is Real." Visitors were Wendy P. Hinton and John Fairley.

On the sick list were Cornelius Allen, Wake Medical Center; Rosa Doves, Sadie and Clint Copeland, Cora McAliley, Robert Chambers, and Alex Hughes.

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

Church reporter is Hallowees Saunders.

### BRIGHT HOPE DIVINE HOLY CHURCH OF GOD, INC.

Sunday School began Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. with the superintendent, Olive Turner, in charge. The title of the lesson was "A Song of Love," taken from Song of Solomon 2:8-17.

Morning service began at 11 a.m. with Eldress Annie Blackmon and Sister Regeland Jones in charge of devotion. The Mary S. Batchelor Choir rendered music. Elder Charles Atkinson presided over the service. Scripture was read by Junior Pastor Deborah Gordon. Elder Charles Atkinson led the congregation in prayer.

Announcements were given by Sister Kathy McIver. The offerings were lifted by the ushers and trustees. Eldress Annie Blackmon introduced the speaker for the service. Assistant Pastor Mary White was the morning speaker. The message was delivered from Matthew 25:1-12, on the subject, "Unprepared."

Plans for special events require months of preparation. These plans sometimes involve many people from different walks of life. Some marriage preparations take months but the marriage may be over before the wedding pictures return. We're unprepared to lay aside every weight in order to run the race set before us. Now is the accepted time to prepare yourself for a rock-solid foundation. It's not enough to be a saint on Sunday in church and be a devil as soon as you leave the church. Personal hygiene should be preferred every day and the whole armor of God needs to be worn every day. Let's fast and pray for a spiritual umbrella and raincoat that we may be prepared in these final days to meet Jesus.

Benediction ended the service. Sister Minnie Wilson gave her initial sermon at 7 p.m. The message was titled "The Word," taken

from John 1:1-7.

Church reporter is R. LaSane.

### RUSH METROPOLITAN AME ZION

It was the third Sunday, and the Youth were in charge of the services partly. Church School began at the regular hour of 9:30 a.m., with Junior Superintendent Diaze Allen in charge. He conducted the regular devotions, opening selection was "Jesus, Keep Me Near the cross." The responsive reading and scripture followed, along with prayer. The second verse of the same song was sung. After a few remarks by the superintendent, classes moved to their places for lesson study for 20 minutes.

Returning to the sanctuary after the study period, they listened to a review of the lesson given by Jamie Hawkins, a junior youth. Remarks were then made by the general superintendent. Class reports, minutes, the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the repeating of the Church School mizpah ended this phase of worship.

At 10:55 a.m., the preludes came from the organ and piano with Ms. Ethel Jeffreys on the organ and Ms. Hazel Reese at the piano. Then came the processional by members of the Junior Choir and Spiritual Chorus, singing "We Are Soldiers in the Army." As they paused around the altar, the call to worship, scripture and song of praise followed. After the invocation and choral response, the first hymn of preparation, "I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung.

The responsive reading for the third Sunday morning was read, led by a youth, Ms. Javetta Cannady. The Gloria Patri followed. Scripture lesson was also read by a youth, Ceresse McCoy, from Isaiah 12. The pastoral prayer was offered by Rev. Vann McClain. The second hymn of

praise was "Blessed Assurance."

The members then reaffirmed their faith in the Apostles' Creed. The announcements and ministry of kindness followed as the Spiritual Chorus sang "Just Another Day," followed by "Sweet Hour of Prayer." During the altar call, many came to the altar, knelt and offered many prayers for sick and shut-ins.

The next phase of the service at this time was the baptism of an infant. The older sister of the infant sang a solo, "You'll Never Walk Alone," and dedicated it to the infant.

On the strength of the singing of "Heaven is a Beautiful Place," the pastor, Rev. C.E. Willie, delivered a message, having chosen his discourse from Galatians 5:5, on the subject, "Vices that Keep Us From Being Free." Some vices are the byproducts. When God comes in He will give you vices. We are not free, because we have wrong desires and are sinful at heart. Vices will keep God's children from praising Him. God is a way maker, a comforter.

As an added special feature of the service, and a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a beautiful copy of his speech, "I Have a Dream," was read and dedicated by Javetta Cannady, a youth. The offering and recognition of visitors were given by the pastor. When the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended, many came and joined the church.

Many songs were sung throughout the service, such as "What Did He Do," "Bound for Mt. Zion," and "Abide." As the service adjourned, the members sang "We Shall Overcome," dedicated and attributed to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Church reporter is Ms. Annie H. Thorpe.

### OAK CITY BAPTIST

"Protecting the Helpless" was dis-

## VOICE OF LIBERATION

BY REV. G. WESLEY RANEY



TEXT: "... wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:16-17)

People throughout America and beyond are celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During this period, the memorable words and deeds of this great servant of God are being lifted up in pulpits, civic arenas, school auditoriums, living rooms, and street corners.

Let us not forget that Dr. King was a dedicated servant of God. As an ordained minister of the gospel he was a faithful pastor and shepherd of the flock in Montgomery, Ala. and Atlanta, Ga. He was, indeed, a man of God. As a preacher, Martin's task was that of a watchman. He sounded the alarm against sin, unrighteousness and injustice. Living in a less than perfect world, Martin looked around and saw that justice did not roll down like waters and righteousness was not like a mighty stream. He looked around and concluded that men did not do justice, they did not love mercy, and they did not walk humbly with God.

In certain respects, society has not changed much since Martin walked among us. Freedom is still illusive for many; injustice is still rampant; oppression is still the order of the day; millions are still the hapless victims of exploitation. The rich are richer, and the poor are poorer.

The words of the prophet Isaiah, recorded in the first chapter of his book, are particularly relevant to those who would celebrate the memory of Martin Luther King, Jr. Isaiah 1:2 says, "Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the Lord has spoken..." Besides everything else that made Martin Luther King, Jr. a great person, he was great because he listened to God. Like Isaiah, Martin had a vision of what God wanted him to do. Like Isaiah, Martin saw the Lord high and lifted up, and he heard the voice of the Lord say: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" Martin responded, "Lord, here am I, send me!" Martin was receptive to God's messages.

Dr. King was not a consensus leader. He didn't commission the Gallup or Harris polls to see what was socially or politically popular before committing himself to a certain course of action. Martin decided early in his civil rights career that it was better to obey God rather than men. When Dr. King spoke out publicly against the War in Vietnam, many of those who had supported him withdrew their support. But in spite of this Dr. King declared, "Those of us who love peace must organize as effectively as the war hawks. As they spread the propaganda of war, we must spread the propaganda of peace. We must combine the fervor of the civil rights movement with the peace movement. We must demonstrate, teach and preach, until the very foundations of our nation are shaken. We must work unceasingly to lift this nation that we love to a higher destiny, to a new plateau of compassion, to a more noble expression of humanness." Dr. King could stand up against his critics and detractors because his ears were pinned to the wisdom post of Almighty God.

All across America, Dr. King preached the same message: "Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow." Martin called on Americans of all colors to reason together.

The struggle that Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his life for continues today. The struggle goes on. We have not overcome yet. There's a resurgence of "old time racism." Old man Jim Crow has been revived from his coma. We are still the last hired and the first fired. Our children are still being miseducated. There are still too many homeless persons in America.

In the words of Martin: "Let us speed up that day when all God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of that old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

cussed by the various Sunday School classes. The main idea of this lesson is that children are a creation of God and He expects us to care for and protect them. Superintendent Michael Douglas is encouraging all to attend Sunday School.

During the morning worship, Douglas presented James McFadden with a plaque for serving the Sunday School for 30 years as superintendent.

Ms. Cynthia Sanders began the morning worship service with an organ prelude. Music was rendered by the Male Chorus, with Ms. Lorraine Davenport at the piano. Responsive reading was led by Stefanie Newkirk. Announcements and recognition of visitors were made by Cedric Hoyt. Offertory prayer was by Art Threatt. Deacon Fitts prayed the morning prayer.

The Children's Hour was conducted by Gertrude Pope. Her subject was "Living the Dream." She related the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. What is being done today and what we can do in the future to carry out the dream of Dr. King were related. The congregation was urged to attend the various activities honoring Dr. King.

Pastor William T. Newkirk read the scripture from Acts 16:14-26. His subject was "Midnight: Prayer Time." He related the actions of the Holy Spirit through the apostle Paul and Silas when they were in prison. At midnight, God sent a quake. He had heard the prayers of Silas and Paul and had answered them. There will be midnights in our lives. We should fall on our knees and pray. God will hear us. We should thank God for the midnights in our lives.

At 3 p.m., the pastor, congregation and Youth Choir rendered service at Bazzell Creek Church. Pastor Newkirk's sermon was "Jesus Makes a Difference." The church enjoyed the fellowship for the Deacons' and Deaconesses' anniversary.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

BTU will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1.

Installation of officers will be held Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m.



SHON L. BURCH

## Burch Makes Dean's List, On Move Student

Working hard has paid off in several ways for Shon Litete Burch. Shon made the Dean's List for the past two semesters at N.C. A&T State University. She is a junior, majoring in teacher education and biology, and she is taking graduate-level courses this semester. Shon plans to attend graduate school in education and medical research.

Not only does Shon work hard in academics, but she drives home (to Raleigh) every weekend to work as a cashier at PACE Store in Cary, where she was named "Cashier of the Month" for December 1991.

Shon is a 1989 graduate of Enloe High School. She is a member of the Aggie Club, a support group for A&T alumni, and she is a member of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church.

She is the daughter of Barbara V. Akins and George Burch.

### THERE'S ALWAYS HOPE

When life or circumstances are the darkest and bitterest, if we can look hard enough there will be that same kind of ray of hope. Through storms may come again that hope, that faith from that mere glimpse. It will never let life be as hard to bear again.

Layman Committee