

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

Silver Lake Baptist Church

I look at St. Patrick's Day much different now... since becoming a Christian. But I still feel it is a day I need to take pride in, since somewhere in my ancestors past, they lived in Ireland and passed along to me my Irish background.

Did you know that St. Patrick was not even Irish? Surprised? St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain, around 389. When he was 16, he was sold into slavery to Ireland where he was a shepherd for 6 years. While in captivity he studied and turned to religion. He escaped slavery and later returned to Ireland as a missionary, determined to convert Ireland to Christianity.

One traditional icon of the day is the shamrock. And this stems from how Patrick used the three-leafed shamrock to explain the Trinity. He used it in his sermons to represent how the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity. His followers adopted the custom of wearing a shamrock on his feast day. Many have trouble believing that the trinity exists.. I really don't understand that! For instance, lets consider this I am a granddaughter, a daughter, AND a sister. Why is it so hard to understand and believe that the God who created us, can not be 3 in one also? The Bible says:

1 John 5:7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

YEP! I know this a favorite saying, however, I believe there is no such thing as luck. Not for the Irish, the French, the heathen nor the Christian. I believe everything happens for a purpose. The Bible says:

Galations 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

For the Christian, it is not luck--it is the BLESSINGS OF GOD!!



"He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation."
Psalms 24:5



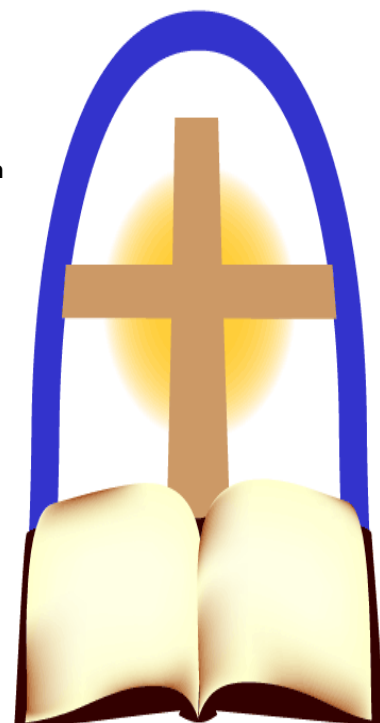
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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY:

- 9:30am - 10:20am Sunday School
- 10:30am Worship Service
- 10:30am Children's Church
- 5:00pm - 7:00pm Youth Meeting
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm Kids Bible Drills
- 5:00pm Beth Moore Bible Study

A nursery is provided for the 10:30am Worship service for children ages birth through three years old.



WEDNESDAY:

- 6:00pm - 6:45pm Wednesday Dinner
- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study
- 7:00pm Children's Ministry
- 7:00pm Youth Meeting

THURSDAY:

- 10:00am Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9: 7:00pm - Council Meeting
- March 12 - 13: Ladies Spring Prayer Retreat
- March 14: **Daylight Savings Begin**
- March 18: 12:00pm - WMU Meeting
- March 21: 6:00pm - Business Meeting
- March 26: Children's Lock-in (4 yr. olds through 6th grade)
- March 28: Civil Servant's Day (No Sunday School)
- April 3: Easter Egg Hunt
- April 17: Silent Auction - To raise money for camp for children and youth

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

- March 8: International Women's Day
- March 17: St. Patrick's Day
- March 28: Palm Sunday
- March 30: Jewish Passover

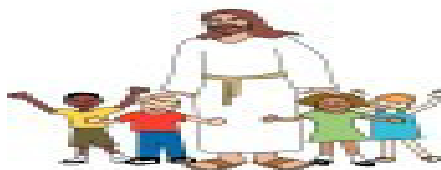


Nursery Schedule

March 7:	Eloise Roseman Karen Roseman
March: 14:	Patsy Kennedy Faye Solomon
March 21:	Lea Dewyea Katherine Miller
March 28:	Lisa Gregg Madelyn Hoffman



March 3:	Gerri Wallace
March 5:	Charles Davis Derrick Callis Roger Martin
March 6:	Barbara Coley
March 10:	Pastor Furr Barbara Jordan
March 12:	Madelyn Proctor
March 13:	Walt Holeman
March 16:	Frank Coley
March 19:	Renee Merritt
March 27:	Erenn Harootian
March 30:	Delaney Pardue



Children's Church Schedule

March 7:	Gayle Tipper & Randal Schiavone
March 14:	Angie & Randy Fisher
March 21:	Chris & Chela Craig
March 28:	Cancelled due to Civil Servant's Day



March 3:	Art & Madelyn Hoffman
March 18:	Darrin & Melynda Powers



If you would like to help in the Children's Department at Silver Lake Baptist, or if you would like more information about any of the children's programs, please contact our Children's Director at 508-9504 or send an email to kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com

If you are interested in helping with the kids Bible Drills on Sunday's from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm, please see Gayle Tipper or Pastor Chris Gregg. Special thanks to Lee Dewyea for committing to lead this wonderful service to the children of Silver Lake KidStyle.



Saturday, April 3rd there will be an Easter Egg hunt here at the Church with a hotdog cook-out to follow. Items needed for the egg hunt are plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy to stuff the eggs.

Camp for Children

Age 4 through Kindergarten - Super Kids Retreat for child and 1 parent - June 18-19 Camp Dixie
1st and 2nd graders - June 20 - June 25th - Camp Dixie
3rd through 6th grade - June 29th through July 3rd - CentriKid

If you have not reserved a spot for your child or if you would like more information please contact Gayle Tipper at 508-9504 or email kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com There is no money required from parents, just a commitment to help with upcoming fundraisers

YOUTH CAMP

Youth Camp at Fort Caswell has been scheduled for the week of August 9th - 14th. This is open to all 7th graders through students who graduated high school in 2009. A \$30 deposit per student needs to be turned in to Vickery by April 1st or arrangements made. Please see Vickery Jackson for more details.

CIVIL SERVANT'S DAY

If you would like to help in the preparation of Civil Servant's Day, please contact Peggy Kilpatrick at:

(910)790-9941 or

Email: JCKPBK95@bellsouth.net

DEACON'S CORNER



Having recently been laid off from my job I found myself worrying about my family's financial status. Worrying about finding another job. Concerned about the future. These are the same worries I know many are experiencing every day. I try to remind myself of what we are told in Matthew 6:30-34:

³⁰Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

³¹Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ³²(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

³³But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. ³⁴Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Keeping in mind these promises and what we are told in Numbers 23:19, that God is not man and he cannot lie, I have decided that I am going to trust in him and when I find myself starting to worry I start singing "Standing on the Promises of God".

International Women's Day 2010



International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated around the world as a day to honor women's actions and achievements and recognize continuing challenges in achieving equity and fairness. In many countries there are event programs throughout the first week of March right up to International Women's Day which is held on March 8.

In 2010 the theme for International Women's Day is 'Equal rights, equal opportunity: Progress for all' and as in previous years the Office of Women's Policy is working with stakeholders to encourage them to mark International Women's Day.

In Victoria this year, the focus is on women's leadership and representation and on celebrating the achievements and contribution of Victorian women from all walks of life.

As part of these celebrations, the Minister for Women's Affairs, Maxine Morand MP will announce who will be inducted into the [Victorian Honor Roll of Women](#) in 2010. The event will celebrate these women's outstanding activities and achievements, that have brought significant changes to the lives of Victorian women and their communities.

Nominees for the Victorian Honor Roll of Women are drawn from a range of backgrounds including education, health services, the environment, volunteers and the community. Nominations for the 2011 Victorian Honor Roll will open in mid 2010.

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Sports teach us some of our most valuable lessons. They teach us discipline, how to win, how to lose graciously (ask our church men's basketball team) and to think about the other people on our team, not just ourselves. As an athlete, we have to learn that our self-worth doesn't depend on the game's outcome and that character is worth far more than being a great athlete. Kurt Warner, future Hall-of-Famer QB said **"One of the biggest things for a person to realize is that God has a special plan for their lives that is better than any one they might try to come up with. They try to fill an emptiness and void with worldly things and it just does not work."**

As you know, I love sports. God has given me a unique way of sharing Christ, in a non-threatening way, using a hobby of baseball card collecting. Yes, I said **BASEBALL CARDS**. I have been blessed to have over 2,500 different professional athlete's autograph on trading cards, baseballs, bats, jersey's, photo's and other items. I have been blessed with the opportunity to share this collection at High/Middle schools, Colleges, Churches, Sporting team events, FCA meetings, Inner-City Youth Rallies, Children's Homes, and other avenues as I talk about how these autographs will fade over time but we can all have the name of Christ signed on our heart's for eternity.

I will be sharing this collection at Silver Lake Baptist church on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 4 PM – 6 PM. This is a collection that all sports fans will love to see. Autographs of Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Willie Stargell, Bob Gibson, Bob Feller, Lou Brock, Hank Aaron, Chipper Jones, Tony Dorsett, Michael Jordan (baseball bat he used in Birmingham Barons) just to name a few. Let me encourage you to find your unique way to share Christ as He has taken a hobby of mine and turned it into a full Ministry opportunity (**No Opportunity Wasted**). I know God has and will use you to help those around, fill that 'emptiness and void' that Kurt Warner and the Scriptures speak of.



Chris Gregg

Minister Of Education

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Are You Guilty of Lying?

Proverbs 6:17 says that "a lying tongue" is an abomination to God. "Lying" means telling a deliberate or intentional falsehood. There are many forms of lying. Could it be that we are guilty without realizing it?

For example, hypocrisy is a form of lying. 1 John 2:4 teaches that, if a person says "I know God" but does not keep God's commands, that person is a liar. Yet many religious people profess great dedication to God all the while knowing they have sins in their lives that they have no intention of correcting. God says they are liars!

Another form of lying is making false promises that we could keep but simply choose not to. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that He should lie ... Has He said, and will He not do it?" The implication is that, when a person makes a promise he could keep but refuses to do so, he has lied. God does not do this, but people often do. What about you and me?

Then there is the half-truth, in which a person tells things that are technically correct but deliberately leaves out important facts or tells the story in such a way that leads people to reach a false conclusion. In the Old Testament, for example, Joseph's brothers sold him to be a slave.

Then they took his coat, dipped it in animal blood, took it to their father Jacob, and said that they had found this coat. Jacob, of course, concluded that Joseph had been killed by a wild animal, which is exactly what the sons wanted Jacob to believe, though they never came right out and said so (Genesis 37:31-33). Nevertheless, they had deliberately deceived their father to believe a falsehood. Are you guilty of lying like this?

Ephesians 4:25 says we should put away lying and speak the truth to our neighbors. Revelation 21:8 says that "all liars" will have their part in the lake of fire, which is the second death.

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Children's Ministry Day – Saturday, February 20th

by Gayle Tipper, Children's Director

Children's Ministry Day was a huge blessing to everyone who participated. Six children made 20 Birthday Bash Bags for the Domestic Violence Shelter and for our own food pantry. These bags were filled with every item a family may need to throw a birthday party for their child, including a gift.

Each bag was decorated by the children and they placed very special card that was included in each bag that says, "Just wanted to brighten up your day....by reminding you you're special and that Jesus loves you!" It included the following scripture.

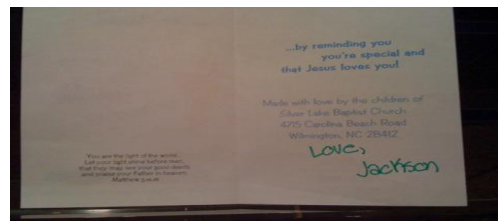
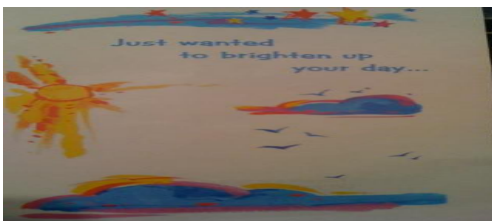
"You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14, 16

The cards closed with "Made with love by the children of Silver Lake Baptist Church, 4715 Carolina Beach Road, Wilmington, NC 28412, created by Silver Lake KidStyle and signed by each child.

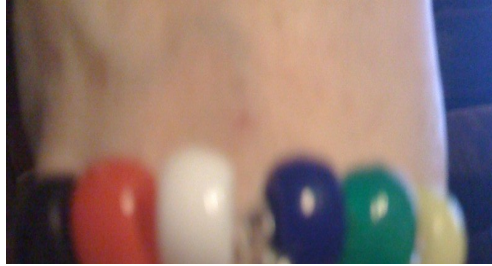
The children also made salvation bracelets and learned what each color of the beads represented so they can tell others about Jesus. In March, they will be making these bracelets to go on the Witnessing Dolls as necklaces for the WMU mission.

Do you ever wonder if kids are too young to make a difference in the world? Think again. The Children of Silver Lake KidStyle are changing lives for Christ and growing in their own faith journeys at the same time.

Thank you God for another opportunity to serve you.



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Salvation Necklaces

Black Bead: The black bead represents our sin. Our sin separates us from God. The Bible tells us in Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Red Bead: The red bead represents Christ’s blood. You see, Jesus loved us so much that He made a way we could find forgiveness for our sins and no longer be separated from Him. God sent Jesus to the earth in the form of a man, and He was willing to die on a cross and shed His blood so that the punishment for our sins would be paid in full. The Bible tells us in Romans 5:8 “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

White Bead: The white bead represents what Jesus does with our sin: He washes it white as snow! You see when Jesus Christ died on that cross something very wonderful happened. Through Jesus Christ, God made a way for us to find forgiveness from our sin. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and forgive us from our sins, the Bible tells us there are a few things we must do. The first is found in Acts 3:19, when we are told to “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out . . . ”

Blue Bead: The blue bead represents Christ’s resurrection, when the stone was rolled away from the tomb and the sky turned from gray to blue. I Corinthians 15:3-4 tells us that “Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”

That’s the good news that this necklace has to share: That Jesus is no longer in the grave . . . He is ALIVE. And He wants to have a personal relationship with you!

Green Bead: The green bead represents life . . . the new life we can find in Jesus Christ. When we ask Jesus to come into our hearts to forgive us for our sin and to be our Savior, He changes us on the inside and gives us a new life! There is only one way we can find this new life as Jesus tells us in John 14:6 you!

Salvation Prayer

Would you like to receive the forgiveness that comes through asking Jesus Christ into your heart to be your Savior? Would you like to spend all of eternity in heaven with Him when you die and leave earth? You can, by asking Jesus into your heart today. If you would like to pray to ask Jesus into your life—tell someone! Tell your parents, your grandparents, or your pastor. They can tell you more about Jesus and help you to pray the prayer below:

Father God,

I realize I have sinned against You. And because of my sin, I have been separated from You. But I believe in my heart today that Jesus died on the cross for me and He shed His blood so that the punishment of all of my sin would be paid in full. I confess with my mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe in my heart that You raised Him from the dead. I ask Jesus to come into my heart right now, that I might find forgiveness and never be separated from You again. Thank you for the promise that I spend all of eternity with You in heaven. I ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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ABOUT BETH MOORE



Beth Moore was born on an Army base in Green Bay, Wisconsin, during what her father describes as the worst thunderstorm the city had seen in five years. He affectionately says the Lord brought her into the world with a drum roll. The fourth child of a retired Army major and a homemaker, Beth was raised in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Her father managed the local cinema where each of her four siblings had a role to play. Beth's job was to hand out samples of popcorn and soda. Growing up in the theater had its perks. Sometimes Beth would be allowed to slip into a movie and take with her a pickle bag full of popcorn and a Dixie cup of Coke.

There in a theater chair, wide-eyed and filled to the brim with Coca-Cola, Beth began a lifelong love for stories. She loved to tell them, write them, and be told them. The story that captured her heart and consumed her life, however, was not told in a movie theater. It was the story told in Sunday School of Jesus, a Savior who loved children and who thought she was special. A seed was planted in her young heart that would grow to mark her life with a passionate love for Christ.

At the age of 18, Beth sensed God calling her to work for Him. Although she couldn't imagine what that would mean, she made it her goal to say yes to whatever He asked. Beth graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a degree in political science. She would later receive an honorary doctorate in humanities from Howard Payne University. She married Keith in 1978 and soon after the Lord added Amanda and Melissa to the family. As a young wife and mother, Beth served the Lord by speaking at luncheons and retreats, working at Mother's Day Out, and teaching Christian aerobics.

A love for the Word of God was embedded in Beth's life when she took a Bible doctrine class at her church. Her teacher was Buddy Walters, a former college football player who taught the Scriptures with tears streaming down his cheeks. She fervently prayed for such a passion for God's Word. It was Buddy who first taught Beth, along with Keith, how to study the Bible.

Beth founded Living Proof Ministries in 1994 with the purpose of teaching women how to love and live on God's Word. She has written numerous books and Bible studies, including *Breaking Free*, *Believing God*, and *The Patriarchs*, that have been read by women of all ages, races, and denominations. Through the years, American missionaries and expatriates have taken the Bible studies overseas, resulting in Beth Moore Bible study groups popping up all over the world. Upon completion of a tour of New England this fall, Beth's Living Proof Live conferences will have taken her to all fifty states since 1994. The events have been attended by more than 658,000 women. God has graciously given Beth the opportunity to serve the body of Christ in many different countries, including Ireland, England, Singapore, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, India, Angola, Kenya, and South Africa. With great joy, she began a radio ministry in 2004 called *Living Proof with Beth Moore*. Each Wednesday, Beth can be seen teaching Bible study on the television program "Life Today with James and Betty Robison."

Ever the storyteller, Beth is known to pepper her teaching with stories and poems written from the perspective of pertinent characters. She communicates with great energy, passion, humor, warmth, and grace.

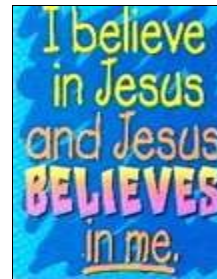
Beth attends Houston's First Baptist Church, where she hosts an interdenominational Tuesday-night Bible study for women in her city. Because of her burden for unity in the body of Christ, Beth counts serving women of all denominations as one of her greatest privileges in life.

Believing God

Do you take God at His Word, believing what He has told us, or do you just believe in His existence and the salvation He offers? Beth Moore came face-to-face with this question well into adulthood. At first, her response to God was, "Lord, of course I believe in You. I've believed in You all my life." Over time, the Holy Spirit led to understand He was saying "I didn't ask you to believe in Me. I asked you to believe Me."

We will be studying this amazing in depth study, based on Isaiah 43:10, Believing God each Sunday afternoon at 5:00- 6:30 PM. Would you like to get deeper in your walk with Christ? Would you like to BELIEVE GOD'S PROMISES for once? I am excited about learning what God promises first before I can believe HIM...

- 1) Believing God for YOUR Promised Land
- 2) Believing God Who He says He is
- 3) Believing God Can Do What He Says He Can Do
- 4) Believing You Are Who God Says You Are
- 5) Believing You Can Do All Things Through Christ
- 6) Believing God's Word Is Alive and Active in You
- 7) Believing God Has Been There All along
- 8) Believing God to Get You to Your Goal
- 9) Believing God When Victory Demands Your All
- 10) Believing God for the Rest of Your days



Living Proof Ministries

CONGRATULATIONS!

Casey Furr's Winging Ceremony In Florida on January 29, 2010





Palm Sunday is a [Christian moveable feast](#) which always falls on the Sunday before [Easter Sunday](#). The feast commemorates an event mentioned by all four [Canonical Gospels](#) [Mark 11:1-11](#), [Matthew 21:1-11](#), [Luke 19:28-44](#), and [John 12:12-19](#): the triumphant entry of [Jesus](#) into [Jerusalem](#) in the days before his [Passion](#). It is also called [Passion Sunday](#) or [Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion](#).

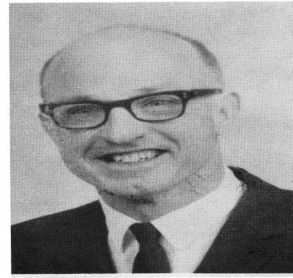
In many Christian churches, Palm Sunday is marked by the distribution of palm leaves (often tied into crosses) to the assembled worshippers. The difficulty of procuring [palms](#) for that day's ceremonies in unfavorable climates for palms led to the substitution of boughs of [box](#), [yew](#), [willow](#) or other native trees. The Sunday was often designated by the names of these trees, as **Yew Sunday** or by the general term **Branch Sunday**.

According to the Gospels, before entering Jerusalem, Jesus was staying at [Bethany](#) and [Bethphage](#), and the Gospel of John adds that he had dinner with [Lazarus](#), and his sisters Mary and Martha. While there, Jesus sent two disciples to *the village over against them*, in order to retrieve a donkey that had been tied up but never been ridden, and to say, if questioned, that the donkey was needed by the Lord but would be returned. Jesus then rode the donkey into Jerusalem, with the Synoptics adding that the disciples had first put their [cloaks](#) on it, so as to make it more comfortable. The Gospels go on to recount how Jesus rode into Jerusalem, and how the people there lay down their cloaks in front of him, and also lay down small branches of trees. The people sang part of [Psalm 118](#) - *...Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father, David. ... (Psalms 118:25-26)*. Where this entry is supposed to have taken place is unspecified; some scholars argue that [the Golden Gate](#) is the likely location, since that was where it was believed the [Jewish messiah](#) would enter Jerusalem; other scholars think that an entrance to the south, which had stairs leading directly to the Temple, would be more likely (Kilgallen 210).

FLASH FROM THE PAST



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400 Silver Lake Road
August 20, 1950 - 1965



Rev. Emory Holden
August 1953 - 1957

The moderator extended good wishes to Brother Leonard and expressed appreciation of the good work by him and his wife.

Dr. Leonard, then later resigned in 1953. Dr. Leonard died in a Deming, New Mexico hospital on April 20, 1971 at the age of 90. The funeral was held in the town's First Baptist Church and his body was willed to the Texas Technological University, Lubbock, for medical research. His wife also died in 1971.

On April 15, 1953, Reverend Theron O. Lunsford born on April 08, 1908 was then called to become the second interim Pastor. During this period, the church experienced both physical and spiritual growth. Reverend Lunsford resigned on July 01, 1953. He then later died in the year 1993.

On August 01, 1953, Reverend Emory Holden then became our first full-time Pastor. Reverend Holden, grew up in Whiteville, received his high school diploma from New Hanover High School in Wilmington in 1947, A.A. degree from Campbell University in 1949, his B.A. degree from Wake Forest University in 1956, his B.D. degree from Southeastern Baptist Seminary in 1960, and a Masters of Divinity in 1969. He served as chairman of the Christian Education Association and was parliamentarian and member of the Ordination Committee of the New South River Baptist Association in 1970. He formerly served the Carroll Memorial and Lebanon Baptist Churches in Fayetteville, NC. He was married to the former Margie Ensley of Wilmington and they had a daughter, Faye and a son Walter, a missionary to Chile. At Durham Memorial church in Charlotte, he was a member of the Men's Bible class.

In May of 1954, the congregation dedicated the church and the land to the Lord. Groundbreaking services for the first parsonage, next door to the church at 314 Silver Lake road, was held on April 22, 1955. The house consisted of three bedrooms and one bath. It had been moved from another location. Members and friends were again responsible for the labor that was put into making the house livable. A church library was formed at this time. Reverend Holden resigned on August 01, 1957.

On November 15, 1957, Reverend Howard H. Carlton, a Brookford native, born on February 16, 1916, was then called to become our second Pastor along with his wife Dottie to work for the glory of the Lord.

He had been a pastor of churches in Charlotte, Lexington, Farmville, Bayboro, Kinston and San Diego. Mr. Carlton was a graduate of Southwestern seminary, Carlton also had a music ministry and was ministry and was a missionary to Chile.



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May the sun shine, all day
long,
everything go right, and
nothing wrong.
May those you love bring
love back to you,
and may all the wishes
you wish come true!

See you next month,

Sue Riggs

A Prayer for Gratitude



Most High, all powerful, good Lord,
to you all praise, glory and honor and all blessing;
to you alone, Most High, they belong
and no one is worthy of naming you.

Praised by you, my Lord,
with all your creatures,
especially Milord Brother Sun,
who brings day, and by whom you enlighten us;
he is beautiful, he shines with great splendor,
of you, Most High, he is the symbol.

Praised be you, my Lord, for sister Moon and the Stars:
in the heavens you formed them,
clear, precious and beautiful.

Praised by you, my Lord, for Brother Wind
and for the air and for the clouds,
for the azure calm and for all climes
by which you give life to your creatures.

Praised by you, my Lord, for Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble,
precious and chaste.

Praised by you, my Lord, for Brother Fire,
by whom you enlighten the night:
he is beautiful and joyous,
indomitable and strong.

Praised by you, my Lord,
for Sister our mother the earth
who nourishes us and bears us,
and produces all kinds of fruits,
with the speckled flowers and the herbs.