

the Randolph Bulletin

A Country Tradition

By WT Cox

During the Holiday Season for many of us, our thoughts are directed toward remembrance of the many blessings and good things that life has brought us. Whether it be family, or friends, this time or year is especially important for recalling events that have a special meaning in our lives. Many times, we do not realize how important simple events

are, until years later when we reflect back and can see how some seemingly small events have added so much dimension to our lives. They say hindsight is 20/20... and that is certainly true. We can see for the present how events in the past have impacted our lives, but back then, we had no clue. I was reminded of this fact during a recent conversation

with a contributor to our Randolph Bulletin. Julie Brown, commented about a conversation she had with her husband Stan and Edward Cheek at a meeting at Maple Springs Community Church back in July. Ed and his wife Becky was visiting the church and in the congregation were many familiar faces. Ed recalled a camping trip he had taken with his youth group back in 1966. He recognized the boys he had taken

on that trip, who were old men now, and marveled that they were all still attending the same church. When he got home, he found a photo from that trip and shared it with Julie and Stan.

Edward Cheek recalled the trip very vividly. When he looked at the photo, he could not help but think about the many things he was thankful for, it being so close to the Thanksgiving season.. Ed started by saying that on the first Sunday in July, he and his wife Becky were invited to attend a special worship service at Maple Springs Community Church, which was formally Maple Springs United Methodist Church. Maple Springs Community Church is now an independent Church with full time Pastor Rev. Ed Carter, who lives in the community. Ed recalled growing up in this rural southern Randolph community and he knew most of the people in attendance. The Maple Springs Church has been in the community for over 100 years and has been a blessing to many people who grew up there. He stated that it was wonderful to see the church still very active and growing.

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Ed Cheek, Tony Brown, Tim Poole, Neal Moffitt, Dennis Priddy, Stan Brown



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Date	Event	Time	Location
12/2/22	Asheboro Christmas Parade	7:00pm	Downtown Asheboro
12/3/22	Liberty Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade	2:30pm	Greensboro St, Liberty
12/3/22	Christmas on Main	11:00am	Downtown Ramseur
12/17/22	Millstone Creek Orchards - Wreath Making Workshop	11:00am	506 Parks Crossroads Church Rd, Ramseur
12/25/22	First Christian Candlelight Service	10:00am	1381 Church St, Ramseur
12/25/22	Harvest House Dinner	2:00pm	6282 Old Siler City Rd
12/31/22	New Years Eve Concert	7:00pm	Sunset Theatre, Asheboro

Next Deadline: October 15th Next Print Date: October 24st

Have an upcoming event that the community should know about email us at info@randolphbulletin.com to be included in the next issue.



Photo of Ed Cheek (Left). Recreation of the picture from 56 years ago. The "boys" Stan Brown, Dennis Priddy, Neil Moffitt, Tim Poole, Tony Brown and Edward Cheek (Right).



The picture Ed found brought back a flood of memories. He recalled that he married his wife Becky in 1960, and early on became involved in the ministry at Maple Springs Church. Becky joined the choir and Ed worked with the youth... a group of young boys and girls ages 5 to 7 years old. In 1966, Ed took the group of the boys on a camping trip to "the wilderness somewhere" around Boone, NC. The boys had been in the group for several years and were now 10 – 13 years old. The trip was for a couple nights camping in tents. Ed said he took his '53 model pickup truck and a small open

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trailer for the camping gear and all necessary supplies. The boys rode in the bed of the truck all the way, which is something that would not be done today. The picture of the 5 boys and Ed is the only picture remaining today from the years of his youth group with the Church.

During the special service at Maple Springs Community Church, Ed commented on how he enjoyed seeing old friends and church members he remembered from long ago. He was glad to see that all five of the boys in the picture from that camping trip were still alive, and in attendance

at Maple Springs Church that Sunday. The "boys" were now men... actually old men with families of their own, and still attending the same church. What A Blessing!, Ed recalled thinking. Given the fact that a majority of youth these days tend to move away from rural places like Randolph County when they graduate from high school. I don't know the percentages, but would venture to say that the overwhelming majority of young people who grew up here have since moved on to "greener pastures" somewhere else.... But thankfully, there are exceptions to this "rule".

A few months after this chanced meeting, the group of 5 "men", their wives and Ed and Becky met again at the Church for pizza and a time of fellowship. They also had a chance to "recreate" the picture from 56 years ago. The "boys" are: Stan Brown, Dennis Priddy, Neil Moffitt, Tim Poole and Tony Brown... and of course, Mr. Edward Cheek.

Photos curtsey of Ed Cheek.

Cook's Corner

Sweet Potato Casserole

The Best Sweet Potato Casserole recipe is easy, delicious, and an all-time family favorite!

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Filling:

- 3 cups sweet potatoes (cooked and mashed)
 - 1 c sugar
 - ½ c butter or margarine
 - 2 eggs
 - 1 tsp vanilla
 - 1/3 c milk
- Mix and put in baking dish.

Topping:

- 1 c brown sugar
- ½ c flour
- 1/3 c butter (softened)
- 1 c chopped nuts

Mix topping ingredients well and sprinkle on top of mixture. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees in uncovered dish.





It's been a while since story time with Debra, so gather round and prepare to get sentimental with me.

Today is a beautiful fall day and with no pressing plans, the signs of Christmas are starting to appear at my house. Unusually early too! Must be something in the air. The tree is up, but not yet decorated. Ornaments are still in the carton beside the tree, awaiting their placement in just the right spot. The Christmas wreath is on the door and Christmas music is playing. But I really do not consider Christmas to have fully arrived at my house until I set up my Nativity. So today, as I lovingly placed each piece, memories came flooding back to me of the time this particular Nativity came into my possession.

The receipt in the box showed November 2011 as the purchase date. I remember the day well. I was in Burlington visiting clients and a new BJ's Wholesale Club had just recently opened. I had time to kill and knew as long as I did not purchase anything, no membership was required to enter. And I also knew purchasing much of anything was not an option based on my bank account, so I was set to look for free.

As with any retail establishment in late November, everything Christmas was on display. Giant candy canes, trains with whistles and smoking stacks, Christmas

trees of multiple sizes and colors, lights of every shape and size. You get the idea – it was a sensory overload of the holidays!

I had worked my way up and down the aisles and was headed for the exit when something

caught my eye. Over in the corner, under a glass case, was the most beautiful Nativity set I had ever seen. I was like a little kid at the department store window with my nose almost touching the glass as I viewed the scene before me, my eyes taking in all there was to see. A Baby in swaddling clothes, adoring parents, wisemen with gifts, a shepherd boy and his sheep, a ravishing angel and a donkey and camel. There were even palm trees!

I walked completely around the display, taking it in from all directions. "Oh, what a treat it would be to have this for my very own," I thought. "This could be an heirloom piece I could pass down to Christa someday," was my second thought. My third thought was, "I wonder how much it is?" Well, once I located that figure, my Christmas bubble of joy was quickly deflated. I had no where near that much cash to spend on something that was not a necessity, and I did not have a membership. And there were only three of the boxes left, ensuring all would be gone relatively soon. Sighing, I touched the glass tenderly one last

time, and went out the door.

I kept thinking about that Nativity and thinking about my finances as well. In 2011, Christa and I both were in school. She was working on her associates degree, and I was working on my bachelor's degree. Because of our financial situation, she qualified for a Pell grant which paid for her tuition and books. In order for me to have access to any scholarships or financial aid, I had to enroll as a full-time student. I am here to tell you IT AIN'T EASY to work full-time hours during the day and be enrolled in school full-time, taking classes every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday night from 5-10 pm. I applied for every scholarship I was eligible for and received several that covered tuition. But none of them covered my textbooks. And those things are insanely expensive.

And then of course, there were general living expenses. It is no secret to anyone that knows me that being a single mom was hard financially. Simply put, there was not much left over each month after the bills were paid. But God – need I say more? Our faith grew stronger over the years in seeing His hand at work to meet our needs,



and several of our wants. And now I wanted this Nativity set.

By this time, I had purposed in my heart that I would have that set, even if I had to put it on my credit card. Now, my credit card does not travel with me. It is tucked away at home for emergency use only. Was this an emergency? No, but something about it made it so in my mind. But if I had to travel all the way back home and get the card and come back the next day, those remaining three sets might easily be gone. So, I prayed about it. Some may think it is silly to pray for a Nativity, but as my daughter can attest to, we prayed over just about everything. Car repairs needed? Pray about it. New hot water heater to replace the broken one? Pray about it. Unexpected medical bills? Pray about it. Now don't get me wrong - prayer is not our emergency hotline. It is just a normal, yet crucial, part of our life.

My next client visit had me telling her the story of that Nativity. I explained how it just seemed to resonate with me, and the beauty of each piece. My client then offered a solution I believe was sent down from heaven. She was a member of BJ's. She said she would accompany me back to the store right then and purchase it, and I could pay her back. I knew there was enough in savings to cover this, though an expense such as this was usually not a consideration for me to delve into my small savings account. But the deal was sealed with a hug, and off we went to claim my Nativity. And that night was filled with joy as I placed each piece with love.

In my eyes, there is still no Christmas decoration I have that is more beautiful and precious than this. I look at each piece when I place it and imagine what it must have been like. In Luke, chapter 2, the Bible provides in vivid detail when the King of Kings and Lord of Lords entered this earthly realm. No pomp and circumstance; only a stable and a manger to provide comfort and shelter. Shepherds hearing of His birth by an angel of the Lord, and assurance He was the Savior promised by the prophets of old, Christ the Lord. Multitudes of the heavenly host singing praises to God, and eventually the travels of the Magi from the east, coming later to the home of Jesus bearing their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Christ is Christmas! And He is still alive and well, sitting at the right hand of the Father. And still interceding on our behalf when we bring our wishes to Him. Even when it is a wish from a financially strapped single mom who just wants a Nativity to call her own. He knows my name and He hears my cries. What a joy to know He is mine for eternity. Merry Christmas y'all!

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Community Christmas Meal

Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church
1511 Main St, Ramseur
December 20, 2022 - 6pm

Come join us to celebrate the coming of Christmas and enjoy a free meal while meeting Santa and Mrs Claus. The Santa sleigh will also be on site for the children to sit with Santa and take pictures. There is no cost to attend.



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Dec. 1 – “Once There was a Christmas Tree”

Dec. 8 - “How the Grinch Stole Christmas”
Your heart will grow three sizes as you join us for a special performance by Caleb Sigmon. The program will be held at the Ramseur Town Hall.

Dec. 15 – “Good Night, Reindeer”

Dec. 22 & 29 – No Story Time

Dec. 23, 24, 26 – Library Closed

Join us on Thursdays at 10:30 AM!



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Christmas Carol Quiz

Below is a list of letters. They are the first initials of the words in the first line of a well-known Christmas carol/hymn. You have to figure out what that first line is. For example: OCAYF = O Come All Ye Faithful. Good luck and have fun!

1. HYAMLC

2. TFNTADS

3. GRYMGLNYD

4. ICUAMC

5. SNHNAICAIB

6. OTFDOCMTLGTM

7. DTHWBOHFLLLLLLLL

8. YBWOYBNC

9. JTTWTLHC

10. YKDADAPAVCACADAB

11. ISMKSCUTMLN

12. CSBSDIHS

13. HTHASGTTNBK

14. GGROBAR

15. OHNTSABS
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Turn to page 10 for the answers

Hindsight Bluegrass New Years Eve Concert

Hindsight Bluegrass Band will be returning to the Sunset Theatre in Asheboro, NC again this year for their New Years Eve Concert. The concert will begin at 8:00 and tickets are \$10.00 each. The doors will open at 7:00. Tickets can be purchased at Brightside Gallery(Asheboro), Silver Dollar Gun & Pawn(Ramseur) or at the theater before the show.

Hindsight Bluegrass formed in 2017 by musicians that had played a lot of music together over the years but in different bands. In 2017 they found themselves getting together as friends and picking when they had time. Then they realized they should form a band with this formation of members. They immediately started getting a few jobs and then next year the word really started getting out and they found themselves busy enough to make it official.

The members are: Stan Brown plays banjo and sings harmony vocals. Stan grew up in Randolph County but moved away for 20 years to live and play music in Nashville, TN. And that he did. Stan was hired by Wilma Lee Cooper in 1977 and immediately moved to Nashville to be closer to the Grand Ole Opry where they were playing 7 shows a week when they weren't traveling to other shows. He moved back to Randolph County in 1996 and continued to play music.

Julie Brown plays bass. Stan and Julie got married in 1998 but were playing in separate bands at the time and continued to do so for a good while. Then after passing on the road going in opposite directions to music jobs they decided it was time to join forces. Julie met Stan while she played banjo in a band with Stan's father, Odell Brown. Later she switched to playing bass as her primary instrument which worked out good since Stan was "The" banjo player.

Scott Hancock plays guitar and sings lead and harmony vocals. Scott is a Randolph County native and has been playing music all of his life. His father was a great local musician and singer so Scott got it honest. He's had many opportunities to make a career out of music but he chose to keep it as a side job.

Fiddlin' Al McCanless has over 50 years of performing experience. He plays fiddle and also takes responsibility for




New Years Eve Concert

At the Sunset Theatre
234 Sunset Ave, Asheboro, NC
Dec. 31st
Doors open: 7:00 Showtime: 8:00
Tickets: \$10.00
Can be purchased at Brightside Gallery in Asheboro
& Silver Dollar Pawn in Ramseur or contact us.
For more info call 336-302-2274 or
email: hindsightbluegrass@gmail.com

vocals. He was a founding member of the legendary group, The New Deal String Band and later was a long time member of The Bluegrass Experience. He's also a known Irish-Celtic fiddler and has recorded with many musicians. Al is also well known as a potter and a retired pharmacist.

Mike Aldridge plays mandolin and adds to vocals also. Mike has been in the bluegrass business for many years. He was a member of the Bass Mountain Boys, Al Batten & Bluegrass Reunion and also The Bluegrass Experience. Mike didn't stop with being a musician but he raised an entire family of great musicians.

With all of the experience of the members you're bound to hear a great show with some fine pickin' and singing to keep you entertained. For more information about the show or purchasing tickets you can email hindsightbluegrass@gmail.com or call 336-302-2274. You can also visit the website www.hindsightbluegrass.com to hear samples of their CD "2020".

THE CENTENARIAN MILESTONE



Louise Duncan Brewer, of Low Bridge Road, Ramseur, will enter the ranks of Centenarian on December 3, 2022. The lifelong native of eastern Randolph County credits her longevity to “hard work.” She has been a widow for 47 years, having lost her husband Harry in 1975. She kept the farm going, milking cows, raising fruits, vegetables, and flowers for decades. For many years she provided this homegrown goodness to the Foodline, or to Ramseur residents; and to some she was known as the “strawberry lady.” She drove a “4 in the floor” straight drive pickup truck and used a push mower to mow her yard, well into her nineties. In her younger years, she graduated from Ramseur School, Class of 1939; and worked several

jobs in the hosiery mills, and was a proud member of the McCrary softball team. She was an avid fan of her sister Doris’s basketball teams, and later she took accounting classes and was a bookkeeper for years at Coble Dairy. Although she has always loved the outdoors, she is also adept at needlework – her favorite being crochet. Many friends and family members have their last name crocheted into a doily, and each grandchild and great grandchild has a baby afghan made by her hand. Louise has 2 sons, one special niece, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. All receive her pride and love. Family and friends will be celebrating her birthday on December 3 at Cambridge Hills Assisted Living in Pittsboro.

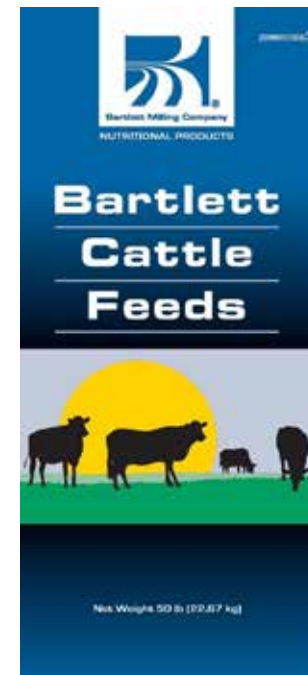
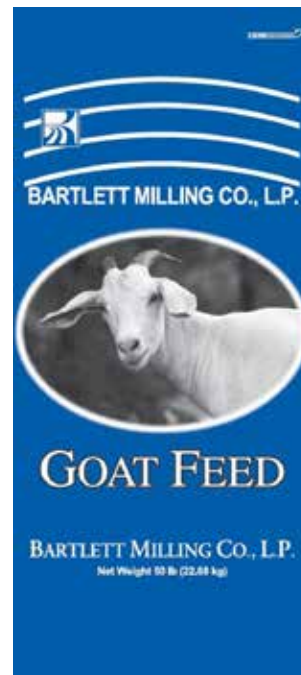
ANSWERS

1. HYAMLC – Have yourself a merry little Christmas
2. TFNTADS – The first Noel, the angel did say
3. GRYMGLNYD – God rest ye merry gentlemen, let nothing you dismay
4. ICUAMC – It came upon a midnight clear
5. SNHNAICAIB – Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
6. OTFDOCMTLGTM – On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me
7. DTHWBOHFLLLLLLLL – Deck the halls with boughs of holly, fa la la la la la la la
8. YBWOYBNC – You better watch out you better not cry
9. JTTWTLHC – Joy to the world, the Lord has come
10. YKDADAPAVCACADAB – You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen
11. ISMKSCUTMLN – I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus underneath the mistletoe last night
12. CSBSDIHS – City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style
13. HTHASGTTNBK – Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the new born King
14. GGROBAR – Grandma got run over by a reindeer
15. OHNTSABS – Oh holy night, the stars are brightly shining



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That's Why He Came

Debra Vernon

12/08/14

"Come here for a minute" the Father said to His Son
"There's something that I need right now to get done."

So the Son came over, and sat at His knee
And asked his dear Father, "what is it You need?"

I need You to leave Me and travel alone
To a foreign place quite far from this home
Life will be hard there, even for You
Many will hate You for the things that you do

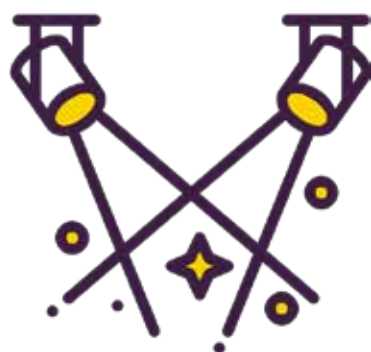
"So why must I go and experience this now?"
The Son asked of His Father, concern on His brow
And His Father replied with love in His voice
"You must go my Son, there is no other choice"

"You're the only hope for those that are lost
So You must go to them, You must pay the cost
For the sins of the fathers, those before and to come
For You my dear Son, are My Chosen One"

And in obedience the Son came to earth that night
To shine in the darkness and bring us into The Light
So my friend, there you have it - it simply was love
That brought Jesus from heaven, from His home up above

To the earth as a Man that could conquer our sin
And bring us to The Father, Who will welcome us in
Just call out to Him, cry out in His Name
For you see my dear friend, that's why He came.

Artist Spotlight



Gloria Spinks

The town of Ramseur, for the next year, will feature an artist each month in the conference room of the town hall.

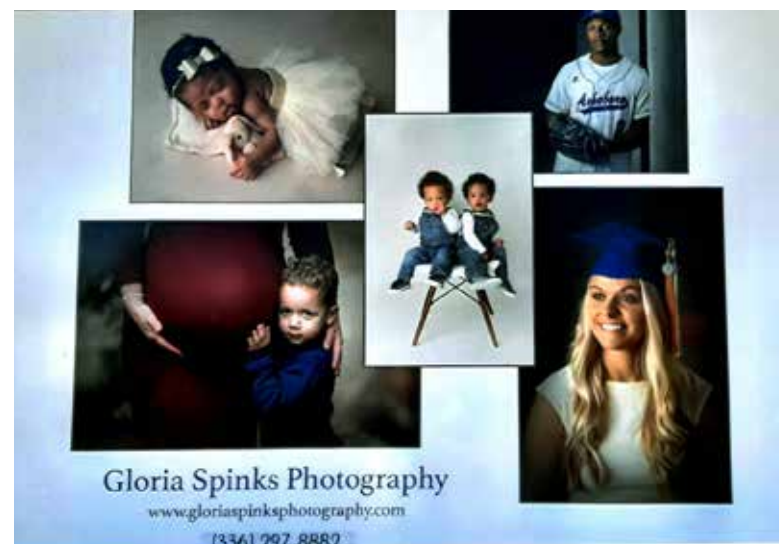
There will be a reception for the artist at each opening. Other hours will be announced for the public to view the art work. Many of the pieces will be for sale.

Gloria Spinks will be the first to exhibit with her portrait photography. Hours for opening will be announced on January 5th 2022 at 6:30pm.

Many Ramseur residents know Gloria Spinks as the produce manager at Carlie C's grocery store, but her true love is photography.

Gloria has always enjoyed capturing the beauty of god's creations. She began taking pictures of birds, flowers, and butterflies. This sparked an interest to learn more about the camera. As her hobby became more serious, Gloria enrolled in Randolph Community College's prestigious photography program where she obtained an Associate's Degree in Photography in 2018.

Gloria's friends and family also know how much she loves babies. That love has moved her to specialize in newborn and maternity photography.



"YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS"

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial, appearing in part or whole in dozens of languages in books, movies, and other editorials, and on posters and stamps.

THE EDITORIAL

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'
Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON.
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

(Left) Original newspaper clipping from 1897.

Is There a Santa Claus?

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of THE SUN:

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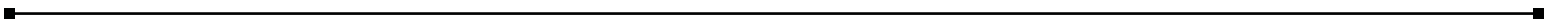


Over the years, a lot has changed about how we celebrate Christmas, but certain traditions - gatherings of family and friends, gifts and turkey on the table - have stood the test of time.

1988

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUSE

Santa comes to town riding in Ole Number 1 in the 1988 Ramseur Christmas Parade. That's fireman Gregg Cox at the wheel. I took this picture where Liberty Street crosses NC 22 near the Baptist Church. Ole Number 1 has a storied history. It was Ramseur's first and for many years its only fire truck. It fought a lot of fires...some big ones like the Brady Handkerchief factory fire in the late 50s and the Weiman company fire in 1980.



1962

THE TREE FROM OUTER SPACE

Before green artificial trees, we had aluminum trees, usually with a rotating color wheel that sat under the tree and changed the color of the tree from red to green to orange. Dad got this one from some food distributor in the early 60's and we'd sit it on the front checkout at night where it was visible thru the window as people drove down Main Street. This tree made it to our home on Liberty Street about 1962 and i'm the Geeky guy standing next to it. It didn't quite have the Christmas "flavor" for us so we went back to the live trees after a couple of years. But it was a "60s" thing and sorta cool to be a part of it.

THE SEASON OF GIVING

Christmas Eve picture of Pell's from 1959 or 1960. It was an exciting time. Starting the weekend after Thanksgiving prizes were given away each Saturday that included turkeys, fruit baskets or \$25 and \$50 worth of groceries. We even gave Corning Ware as a prize one year. Customers were given tickets when they checked out which they deposited in a box as they departed. Mayor Fred Thomas would usually come over around 4pm each Saturday and on Christmas Eve and pull the winning tickets out of the box and announce the winners.



1960



1958

LIGHT THE TREE

The garden clubs followed thru on their plan to give the town it's first community Christmas tree. They were assisted by boys of the high school FFA who erected a red cedar at the intersection of Liberty Street and Highway 22. and helped string the lights. Gordon Brady Jr and Celeste were designated to turn the tree on and off each day since they lived just across the street.

1957

BUCKING BRONCO

This little Bronco is riding her younger brother's Christmas gift on Christmas morning 1957. Her brother wasn't interested in playing with her doll. Ride 'em Amy Green.



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GHOST OF BULLETINS PAST

A page of holiday ads from the original "The Ramseur Bulletin" from December 21, 1983.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

By Mary Murkin

So many Christmas traditions are not what they seem to be....or possibly not what we thought they were.

We only began celebrating Christmas in the fashion that we are used to since the early 1800's—the Victorian era. This was widely attributed to Queen Victoria. It was her marriage to the German-born Prince Albert that introduced some of the most prominent aspects of Christmas to our attention. In 1848 the Illustrated London News published a drawing of the royal family celebrating around a decorated Christmas tree, a tradition that was reminiscent of Prince Albert's childhood in Germany. Soon every home in Britain had a tree decorated with candles, sweets, fruit, homemade decorations and small gifts. Gifts were typically very modest, such as fruit, nuts and sweets.



The British Royal Family and their Christmas tree in 1850.

The word "Christmas" only first became a part of the English language in the 11th century. It was a combined word from and Old English expression "Christes Maesse," which translates as "Festival of Christ." A newer term that people sometimes frown upon using is the seemingly modern abbreviation of Xmas. Here the X stands for the Greek letter chi, which was the early abbreviation for Christ.

Winter festivals had been a popular fixture of many cultures through the centuries, throughout the world. The celebrations were in expectation of better weather and longer days as spring approached.

The Christmas feast has its roots from before the Middle Ages, but it was during the Victorian period that the dinner we now

associate with Christmas began to take shape. The roast turkey also had its beginnings in Victorian Britain. In earlier times, other forms of roasted meat—beef and goose—were the centerpieces of the Christmas dinner. It was the more wealthy sections of the community who could afford turkey in the 19th century, but it soon became the meat of choice by middle class families at the beginning of the 20th century.

During the High Middle Ages (1000-1300 AD), Christmas was not originally seen as a time for fun, but as a time for quiet prayer and reflection. It had become the most prominent religious celebration in Europe. Christmas Day was the beginning of the period of time known as The Twelve Days of Christmas (no, not the Christmas carol). The 12 days of Christmas is the period in Christian theology that marks the span between the birth of Christ and the coming of the Magi, the three wise men. It begins on December 25 (Christmas) and runs through January 6 (the Epiphany, sometimes also called Three Kings' Day).

Eventually the medieval calendar became dominated by Christmas events starting forty days prior to Christmas Day. This is the period of time now known as Advent. At one point during the Middle Ages, the Catholic Church banned gift giving due to its pagan origins. However, before long, gift-giving was popular again and Christmas time became a time of excess indulgences in eating, drinking, dancing and singing.



Christmas caroling had its origins dating back to the 13th century. Back then the custom was not centered around singing, but rather going from house to house giving out well wishes during the colder months. Doing this was called wassailing. Wassail was a word derived from an Old Norse saying--“ves heill”—which translates to “be well and in good health.”

Sometime during the 14th century, people began taking the songs from church into their homes to share, sing and enjoy with their families. It was during the Victorian era that people began taking the Christmas songs door-to-door in the caroling fashion that has become very popularized. In fact, the first significant collection of Christmas carols was published in 1833 for the masses to enjoy.

Every year billions of people around the world celebrate in their own unique ways, creating their own unique Christmas traditions.

In 1843, the first Christmas card was designed and produced for public sale. These cards cost one shilling each. By today's standards, that one shilling would be equivalent to \$5.89 in US dollars. This was pricey and not accessible by all. As the age of industrialization and color printing caught on, the price of card production dropped significantly. This technology revolution, coupled with the introduction of postage stamps, the Christmas card industry took off. By the 1880s, sending Christmas cards had become tremendously popular. At this point, the commercialization of Christmas was well on its way.

While Charles Dickens did not invent the Victorian Christmas, his book “A Christmas Carol” (written in 1843) is credited with helping to popularize and spread the traditions of the celebrations. Its themes of family, charity, goodwill, peace and happiness capture the spirit of Christmas. Remember these lessons during the holiday season as well as throughout the entire year. So as Tiny Tim is famous for saying, “God Bless us, everyone!”

911

By Teresa York-Canoy

Here it is December again, as I have written articles for the last 2 years for this newspaper. The first being "Reasoned for the Season." As many of you know I own/operate the Harvest House, a working farm/agritourism farm. My son plants and harvests the fields, I host farm weddings and many other events. Although this year has had its struggles, we have been blessed again; We will be providing a free Christmas Day dinner on December 25th, 2022 from 2 PM till 6 PM.

This is a free Christmas meal that God has been in charge of since 2006 and continues to make me aware that he is still using me for Christmas Day. We will be providing a drive-through and eat in dining. We do ask if possible to call ahead at 336 824-2784. This helps with the amount of food prep needed. Anyone that would like to volunteer is always welcomed!

Most of you know I became a part of the Ramseur fire department in late 2020, but you may not know that a call of a Child missing, is what led me to join Asheboro/Ramseur Dept. this year. I am still amazed with the giving of people's talents and time. These people leave family, meals, and a warm safe bed to help others.

Earlier years my thoughts were of people that work on Christmas Day, our officers and emergency workers. With donations I've received on Christmas Day, as always goes to someone in need in our community. Our family, retired paramedics and law enforcement, very generously donated and validated that this year's gifts would go to a young female EMT. This young lady was involved in an accident on her way to work,

Ms. Katelyn Brice Bailey is a full time nursing student in Greensboro. She is also a working EMT of our county, volunteering for the Staley fire department. Her life is a model of God's giving. Katelyn you have been a blessing to others and may this be a blessing to you. Keep her in your prayers as she is going through therapy.

God helps us to remember that he gave us the greatest gift of all, his son, to show us how we should give to others. I have been blessed, I would love for anyone to come and feel the blessing I experience on every Christmas Day since 2006.

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OBITUARIES

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We at the Randolph Bulletin send out our thoughts and prayers to the families who recently lost loved ones.

Ollie Faye Dicks Lucas, 95, of Asheboro, died Friday, October 21, 2022 at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home in Asheboro.

Thomas "Tom" Garold Britt, 84, of Asheboro, died Monday, October 24, 2022 at his residence.

Gary Stevenson Bray, 74, of Asheboro, died Monday, October 31, 2022 at his residence.

Mildred Allred York, 65, of Ramseur, died Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at Randolph Health in Asheboro.

Linda Sue Brooks Itson. Sue passed away November 1, 2022 at the age of 79.

Ray E. Huffman, III, age 62, of Asheboro, passed away on November 1, 2022 at Moses Cone Hospital.

Linda Cheryl Rose-Thompson, 55, of Asheboro, passed away unexpectedly, on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at her home.

James Curtis "J.C." Loflin, Jr., 74, of Ramseur, passed away in his sleep at home, Friday, November 4, 2022 after a long battle with cancer.

Delia Catherine Hare Brown, age 88, of Asheboro passed away at TerraBella Assisted Living in Asheboro.

Gene Douglas Hogan, 76, of Scarlet Oak Dr., Denton, NC passed away on Sunday, November 06, 2022, at his residence.

Hepsyann Linda Wilson Hicks, age 94, went to her heavenly home on November 5, 2022.

Kacy Bumpas Sr. passed from this earthly life on Thursday, Nov. 03, 2022.

Wilma Saunders Beck, 97, of Ramseur, died Friday, November 4, 2022 at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home in Asheboro.

Joseph Arlin York, 65, of Ramseur, died Monday, November 7, 2022 at his residence.

Mrs. Deborah Alice Davis Stickler, affectionately known as Debbie, age 68 of Asheboro, passed November 8, 2022 at her residence, surrounded by family.

Peggy Williams Britt, 83, of Asheboro, died Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at Randolph Hospice House in Asheboro.

Tilton Parsons (93) went home to be with his Lord and Savior in the early morning of November 9th with his wife of 68 years at his side.

Martha Pell Hinesley, 83, of Ramseur, passed on Friday, November 11, 2022 at Randolph Health in Asheboro.

Worth "Toot" Wilson Wicker, 86, of Liberty, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 12, 2022.

Russell Dean Taylor, of Asheboro, NC, passed away on Friday, November 11, 2022, at the age of 63, in Charlotte, NC.

Homer Lloyd Parrish, Sr., 95, of Franklinville, died Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at his residence.

Richard Charles (Dick) Shaw went to his heavenly home on Nov. 16, 2022, following a brief illness.

Dr. Bobby Will Gordon, age 91, of Asheboro, died on Friday, November 18, 2022 at his home after a prolonged bout with cancer.

March 31, 1962 - November 19, 2022
David James Arnold Jr. dies at age 60 at the Randolph Hospice House.

November 18, 2022, Marie "Ree" Clara Moore Westfield, loving wife and mother to three children passed away peacefully.

Lynn Duncan, 50, of Liberty, died Sunday, November 20, 2022 at his residence.

James Bruton Allen Jr. (Jim), 88, of Troy, passed away peacefully Thanksgiving morning surrounded by his family.

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Church Directory

Clear View Baptist Church

Dr. Bruce W. Dickerson
2723 Cedar Falls Road Franklinville, NC 27248
Sunday School - 10:00am
Morning Worship - 11:00am
Family Night - 6:00pm
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 7pm

Cornerstone Baptist Church

219 Pleasant Ridge Rd.
Franklinville, NC 27248
336-824-7077

Faith Baptist Church

(336) 824-4156
www.faithramseur.org
1382 Greenfield St, Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday: 10 am Sunday School
11 am Morning Worship
6 pm Evening Worship
Wednesday: 7pm Adult Prayer & Youth Ministries

First Baptist Church

Pastor Wayne Dunn - (336) 824-8667
731 Liberty St. (P.O. Box 544)
Ramseur, NC 27316
Sundays: 10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service

First Christian Church

Gary Arnett - (336) 824-4066
www.fccramseur.org
1381 Church St Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship Service

Franklinville United Methodist Church

Jeff Martin
227 West Main St. Franklinville NC, 27248
Facebook: Franklinville-Rehobeth Umc Charge
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

Grace Community Fellowship Baptist Church

Shaun Greene - (336) 824-2300
www.gcfbaptist.org
7500 US Hwy 64E Ramseur NC 27316

Sunday School at 9:30am, Sunday Worship at 10:30am, Sunday Evening Service at 6:00pm, Wednesday Night Service at 7:00pm

Holly Springs Friends

Todd Brown - (336) 879-3136
www.hollyspring.org
2938 Holly Spring Rd Ramseur, NC 27316
Sundays: 9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Morning Worship

Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church

Chris Smith - (336) 824-2252
1511 Main St. Ramseur NC 27316
www.jordanmemorial.org
Service Time: Sunday 11:00am

Lakeside Park Church of God

153 Lakeside Park Rd
Franklinville, NC 27248

Maple Springs Community Church

Ed Carter - (336) 953-2435
6231 NC Hwy 22/42 Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday School at 10:00am
Worship Service at 11:00am
Bible Study Wednesday 6:00 p.m

McCrary Chapel United Methodist Church

Montez Allen - (336) 824-3022
327 NC 49 Ramseur NC, 27316
Facebook: McCrary Chapel
Service Time: Sunday 10:00am

Parks Crossroad Church

Todd Nance - (336) 824-6622
www.parkscrossroads.com
2057 Parks Crossroads Church Rd Ramseur NC 27316
Sunday School at 9:30 am
Morning Worship at 10:30am
Evening Worship(1st & 3rd Sundays) at 6:00pm
Parks Kids at 6:30pm

Patterson Grove Christian Church

Brian Pierce - (336) 824-2497
1921 Patterson Grove Road
Ramseur, NC 27316
Sunday School: 10:00 am, Worship Service:

11:00 am

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm, Youth Bible Study: 7:00pm

Pleasant Ridge Christian Church

Mark Beane - (336) 824-2046
Facebook: Pleasant Ridge Church
1426 Pleasant Ridge Road
Ramseur, NC 27316
Worship Service 11:00

Ramseur Wesleyan Church

Jason Baker - (336) 824-2451
www.ramseurwesleyan.com
2038 Leonard Park Street (PO Box 501)
Ramseur, NC 27316
Sundays: 9:30am School - Worship: 10:30 am,
Children's Church 10:30am - Sunday evening service 6pm
Wednesday night Adult Bible Study: 7pm
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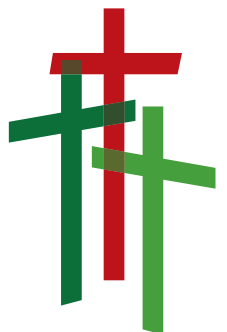
Jeff Martin - (336) 824-4013
850 Kildee Church Rd Ramseur NC, 27316
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336-233-1168
Comeuntochrist.org
1109 McDowell Road
Asheboro NC 27205
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Youth meet Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30pm

Whites Chapel Community Church

Michael Mills - (336) 834-7331
1843 Low Bridge Road Liberty NC 27298
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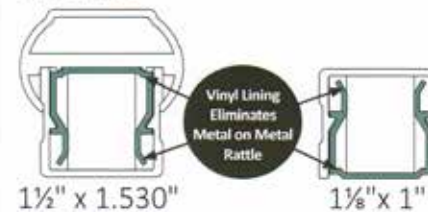
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Let the Children Come

By Debra B Vernon

In case you're not aware, Christmas is almost here! You are probably multi-tasking with planning menus, scheduling trips out of town to see family, purchasing gifts and a multitude of other items. In other words, you're busy! But do not forget to set aside some time to enjoy the reason for the season: the birth of Jesus Christ.

Many churches, including my own, are busy practicing for Christmas programs. Some will present the miracle of Christmas via a cantata, which may or may not include a drama presentation with it. Others are corralling the kids (along with some adults) and presenting the traditional Christmas play. Still other churches are doing live Nativity scenes you can ride through or take part in. There is no shortage of presentations on why we celebrate Christmas! So, no matter the method, you are sure to be blessed if you are in attendance for any of these.

I have spent many years teaching small children in Sunday school, as well as helping with Bible school, and several Christmas programs. You just never know exactly what to expect in any of these scenarios. It is not just Christmas when little ones shine; it can happen throughout the year. Let me share some of my favorites with you.

One Sunday morning, while studying about how Peter walked on the water, I decided to create a "boat" out of our classroom chairs. My thought process was to let them imagine the fear that the disciples must have felt. The children dutifully lined up the chairs in the hallway to form our boat. Then we sat and

began to make rowing motions with our arms. As I told the story, I asked, "What do you think the disciples said to Peter when he stepped out onto the water to go to Jesus?" I was expecting a comment such as, "Trust in Jesus Peter" or perhaps, "Don't be afraid Peter." Imagine my surprise when one student yelled loudly, "Man overboard!"

Another Sunday, the students found a bag of dirt in a chair when they entered the classroom. It immediately sparked their interest, which was exactly what it was intended to do. We were studying how God formed man of the dust of the earth, and breathed into him the breath of life. I passed around the Ziploc bag of "dust of the earth," and asked each child to breathe on it and see if anything happened. Now, I intended to teach that only God could form a man out of dust. What I got was something slightly different. "Miss Debra, do you know there is a bug in here?" That immediately initiated squeals from the fairer sex in the room, and it took most of the time left in class to calm the fears, search out the bug and kill it. Even that solicited a reprimand from the students, as I was killing one of God's creatures. One student asked, "isn't that illegal or something?"

Another time, we were pondering the greatness of God and what he might look like. There was almost a unanimous decision among the group that He was probably old and looked a lot like a friendly grandpa. I mentioned the story in Exodus, when Moses asks to see God, but God tells Moses that he cannot see His face. I told how Moses hid himself in a crack in a big rock, and when God passed by, He covered him with His hand. And, as God walked away, He took His hand away, and Moses was able to see Him from behind as He walked away. This intrigued the class, and I thought, "another successful

lesson learned." Out of the blue, one student said, "it's a good thing you weren't there Miss Debra." Wondering where this was leading, I could not help but ask, "why?" "Well," said this sweet little cherub, "you wouldn't have fit in a crack in the rock. It would have been too small." Guess you can tell by that statement that I am not a skinny woman! Once, one of the kids in my family was in the typical manger scene on stage. When the narrator asked who the earthly father of Jesus was, she

replied, "it's Jofus! He is Jesus' daddy down here!" Again, another play had the children holding up large yellow stars, each with a letter emblazoned on them. Four stars, and each one had one of the letters comprising the word STAR. But, when the narrator asked, "what did the wisemen follow?", the children somehow got in reverse order, so it looked as if the wisemen followed RATS.

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Their world is not yet marred by the ravages of adulthood. They still trust implicitly and believe what they hear from those they love. That is why it is so important to teach them about Jesus during the early years. The world will teach them soon enough about the things of this world.

Jesus loves and cares for us all. But His interactions with children in the Bible confirm His love for them. Matthew 19:14 says, "But Jesus said, 'suffer little

children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" Luke 18:17 says, "Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein."

Let this Christmas season fill you with wonder and awe as we celebrate the birth of a little Child, laid in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes. The gift of salvation is free to all who believe, accepting the truth of God's Word on faith alone. Nothing more, nothing less. Let that Child come to you. Merry Christmas!



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