



## FREEDOM BROADCASTING CO., INC. Highway 64, Plymouth, NC

In 1983 God directed Apostle Baylor, Sr. to the city of Windsor, North Carolina. He brought with him his small congregation from Scotland Neck, North Carolina where he had started a small church.

God's blessings on Apostle Baylor were so great until he decided to drop his net and settle in Bertie County.

As he prayed and ministered to the people, his congregation grew and Apostle Baylor saw a need for an expansion.

Through St. Luke Credit Union, Apostle Baylor's dreams and visions unfolded. He was blessed with a church located in the "neck" section of Windsor on the morning road.

Apostle Baylor continued trusting God and God continued showering him with the desires of his heart. His ministry expanded to the radio waves where he had secured spots at different times but that was not

enough. He asked God for a radio station so the gospel could be spread over the air waves whenever he was led to do so.

In 1997 Apostle Baylor and his trustees went to St. Luke and received another loan to purchase a radio station and named the station Freedom Broadcasting Co., Inc. **That is found on your dial 1470 AM.** They are three full time employees at the station.

We sincerely pray the blessing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ upon St. Luke and may they forever prosper and help those who have a need or a desire to go higher in their endeavors.

God Bless  
Apostle T.L. Baylor, Sr., President



ST. LUKES PARISH, WINDSOR  
Place of Assembly and Church  
Windsor, NC



600 COUNTY HIGHWAY BAPTIST CHURCH  
Five Points, NC  
Windsor, NC

# March 2001

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The Ashland Missionary Baptist Church is one of the oldest churches in Bertie County. The idea of holding services was started by Mr. W. H. Williams, a former slave who resided in Ashland church was built on land donated by the owner of the old Ashland plantation. When the church began, the membership had three baptisms, eight converts, and only fifteen members. Yet the God fearing, kind, staunch, dedicated men and women of the Ashland community, who were the ancestors of our day, carried out their task with faith in God. In the beginning stages of our church, some of the meetings were held under "spade trees" and services were held at a building designated as "The meeting house". This meeting house, located in the woods of the Ashland plantation, became our schoolhouse on the second Sunday of each month. At the current time we have services every Sunday in the month except on item. Services, Ashland church is located on Highway 45 in Bertie County about 10 miles from Cutbush. Ashland has 14 miles from Winnsboro. Ashland has a membership of approximately 500 members, some of whom live in the above mentioned towns and additional areas. Ashland church was destroyed by fire in March 1924 and was rebuilt in November 1924 under the leadership of Rev. D. L. Stevens. It was remodeled in 1954 and 1978. In 1998, was remodeled and enlarged to include a fellowship hall. We were blessed by Sg. Lake Creek Union whose motto is "Perpetual Fellowship". Ashland has eleven deaconial pillars who give outstanding leadership to the church. Rev. Ermaul Norrells, Rev. Charles Sharpe, Rev. J. L. S.

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## ASHLAND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Merry Hill, NC

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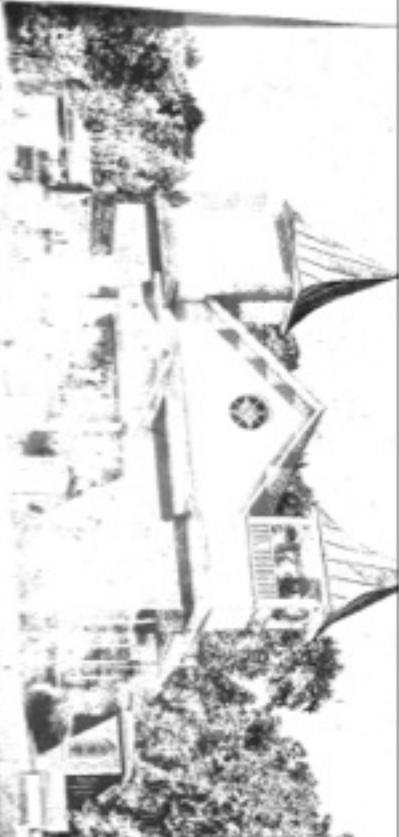
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ASHLAND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
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A young, African American physician, named Dr. Steven Ferguson, MD, CEO, oversaw the Bertie Medical Complex in October, 1996 in Bertie County, N.C., Carolyn, located two miles across the county line from Montford County, if provides a model primary medical care center, and adult day health care center for older residents and residents with special needs.

The Bertie Medical Center is a primary/preventive medical care practice established to improve the quality of life of its patients by providing quality health care for the entire family. The health care services provided at the center include routine physicals, well baby checkups, ongoing care of chronic illnesses, diagnostic work-ups, emergency services, cast and splinting fractures, various immunizations, sports physicals, laboratory work, health maintenance and preventive health care including a firm emphasis on lifestyle changes.

The Kathryn Elizabeth Charles Adult Day Health Center represents

## BERTIE MEDICAL COMPLEX

the second component of the complex. It is an organized day program designed to enhance the quality of life of older persons and is named after its grandmother who presently lives in Cleveland, Ohio and is quite active at a 94 year-old. The center is committed through its program of health and social services, both to the independence and well being of older persons. The primary goals of the EEC Center are to provide dependable, scheduled, short-term relief of the caregiver, socialization for the participants, loan grants and resource information for the family. The following services are provided: therapeutic group activities, nursing services, social service referrals, case management, personal care, meals, transportation coordination, case management, and food. Thanks to St. Luke Credit Union for its help in providing these services. Dr. Ferguson is also a certified medical director and provides for the county's nursing homes.

[BERTIEADULTDAYCARE.COM](http://BERTIEADULTDAYCARE.COM)



# May 2001

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In the year of 1971, my father, Mr. Arthur Roy Cherry, took me to St. Luke Credit Union to become a member. At that time, he was chairman of the board. My dad taught me the importance of borrowing and paying back on time.

In 1973, I was able to secure loans from St. Luke Credit Union to purchase equipment needed for my expanded services such as: trucks, bulldozers, motor graders, excavators and land for development.

We started with three employees and grew to eight employees. The highlight of my business was when my son, Ted R. Cherry, Jr. joined me in October 1999. He brought new and modern ideas, which made me very proud and business flourished.

## CHERRY'S BACKHOE SERVICE

Ted Cherry, Owner

(252) 346-3102

The business qualifications include the following: manufacturing septic tanks, hauling rocks, sand, topsoil, gravel, etc.

Through my land development, I have provided homes or land for forty families to own or rent. I cannot continue without acknowledging my wife, Nancy R. Cherry who served as my secretary through the years. There are available lots on Highway 308 west and Kildare, NC for sale with financing available and no credit check.

Thank you, St. Luke Credit Union, for being there when we needed you and for making our family business a success.



# June 2001

Being a farmer, I have worked long hours in the sun and rain. I love farming and devote my life to making a success in it.

In 1995 during my spare time from farming, I started a community service for senior citizens, keeping their lawns mowed and weeded. Many times I did not have enough gas to finish the lawns, but these senior citizens would come up with more than enough to help me survive.

My desire was to help others and God would in his own time provide an extra blessing for me.

As I continued mowing senior citizens' lawns, other working people wanted to hire me to cut their lawns also.

My work began to increase and I saw a need for a riding mower so I could venture out and prepare myself for a side business.

## BROCKERS LAWN SERVICE 794-9223

In 1997, I went to St. Luke Credit Union and secured a loan to purchase a riding mower and weed-eater. I used the push mower and my seven year old son, Trevor, drove the riding mower and we set out after finishing my farm work and his school day to make our side business a reality.

Our work grew and again I went to St. Luke Credit Union and secured a loan to get a second riding mower. My son and I rode and finished jobs much quicker which meant we could complete more lawns.

I am so grateful to St. Luke Credit Union for coming to my rescue when I needed them most.

Thanks very much.

Franklin Brockers



BY FRANKLIN BROCKERS  
FOR ST. LUKE CREDIT UNION

## OXLEY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

In the year 1860, some members of the Petersen Chapel Baptist Church in Marion NC, moved out on their own and started a church on the site of Oxley Hill. They failed to have written in their lease until God saw fit for them to purchase their land and build a place of worship. On October 20, 1866, the members: Thomas Holley, Andrew Treback, Eliza Holley, and Peter Smith, purchased one acre of land from Mr. H. Brown and sold H. H. Baum of the county of Blount, state of North Carolina, for the sum of \$10.00 on the west of the Oxley Hill Road. The lone members put their hands and hearts together saying that God would continue to bless them in his own way. They worked hard to get a building on the land that God had blessed them with. Finally the building was completed and they gave God the praise that.

Our brothers never forgot where they came from and what a big church meant to them. As time went on they continued to praise God with all their hearts. The Rev. Thomas Holley was the fine pastor and baptizing was done in the Holley Pond on the Herring Run Road.

They kept on working for Christ and the membership began to grow. Before the second church was constructed services were held in a pack house. In the year of 1902, on March 27, Mr. John C. Bell and his wife Cecilia, gave the board of deacons at Oxley Hill Baptist Church the gift of land on the old church site and part of the new site for the sole purpose stated on the deed, to house church, and in no event shall any person or persons be buried upon said land. The members had to be buried in the Ardmore Baptist Church Cemetery and family cemeteries.

In the year that the said land owned to be used by the Holley Hill Baptist Church by the religious members, the terms of the lease would become void. It was known to all legally prior, after which some extra years passed before we received the deed. The next year he re-claimed the work of Christ.

On December 21, 1978, we purchased more land to half the new church, plus one acre in Oxley for \$10.00 from the Bell family. The deed was issued to George Dixie and later Dixie L. on trustees for Oxley Hill Baptist Church on State Road 1361. We searched land to get situated and we claimed the purchased land for this church.

Our pastors were as follows: Rev. Thomas Holley, Rev. Louis Owen, Rev. Louis Quinn, Rev. Charles Sharp, Rev. Wright Moore, Rev. Andy Moore, Rev. Chasius, Rev. Haywood of Rutherford, Rev. Anderson, Rev. M. A. Bladick, and up to January 2000 we were being led by Rev. James R. Waggon. Under the leadership of Rev. Waggon, we accomplished inside bathrooms for men and women, running water, a cafeteria, a piano, pews, a porch, and new carpet for the old church. He was a strong backbone for us getting the new church and furnishings as it is today. We thank God for our leader who has been here with us for the past 40 years.

Our deacons were as follows: (Please send me) Nathan Holley, Joe Thomas Holley, Walker Malone, Norman Rankin, Johnson Colford, Walker Harris, John Gorman, Lorenzo Remlett, Henry Brantley, William Taylor, Augusta Holley\*, James Gaskins, Howard Jordan\*, John Colford Jr., George Drisko\* (Chairman), John Bell\*, and Clarence Evans\*.

# July 2001

## N. L. MEBANE'S TRAILER COURT

Norman L. Mebane, Jr. borrowed \$7,000 from St. Luke Credit Union on February 6, 1981, to purchase 7.16 acres of land. The land was purchased for an investment at the time, without having a sound purpose or goal for the use of the land. Since it was unlikely that anything major would develop in that area to target a major need, Norman decided the land should not be idle. Therefore, he wanted to do something constructive to jump-start some revenue for the piece of property. As a result, he decided to build a small mobile home community.

Years later, St. Luke Credit Union was there again for Norman. On August 30, 1985, he borrowed \$24,300 from St. Luke Credit Union to

purchase four mobile homes to start his mobile home community. With those mobile homes, he developed the property himself, and created Berrie Park Lane, in Hobe Sound.

Today, thanks to St. Luke Credit Union's trust and belief in him and his company, Mebane Investment Properties, he now owns more than one hundred homes and lots in Berrie Co. Norman L. Mebane, Jr. is proud to say that St. Luke Credit Union has played an important role in the various bumps in his life's journey. Mainly, St. Luke Credit Union has been the force that guided him from "shancopper" to "shareholder".

# August 2001

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what did he experience?

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## MY STRUGGLE TO ACHIEVE ANGELA BRIDGERS

I am a young single lady trying to make a decent life for myself. I was finding it difficult getting to my job or church depending on a van ride or some friends.

Many nights I could not get to work on time, which made it impossible to hold a job.

Finally, I talked to my landlord who introduced me to St. Luke Credit Union.

Through St. Luke Credit Union, I was able to secure a car that has

made all the difference. Not only can I get to my jobs on time, I can work extra hours, because I have permanent transportation.

I will always thank my landlord and St. Luke Credit Union for helping me when my way was dark and dreary. I will always tell others how you helped me when I desperately needed it.

Angela Bridgers

1123 Governors Rd., Wedowee, NC

## **LOVING ARMS CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTER**

### **"The Dream Becomes Reality"**

Somewhat, we knew our vision would become an eye seeing reality. Although it took others a while to see it, after all it had been a long time since the single story building on Madison Street had been a breeding ground for hope of any kind.

Over the years, it had become the focal point for what locals called "The Corner". The point at Madison and Fourth Street brought loitering and drug traffic to the neighborhood and stood as a symbol of what residents saw as a cancer on their neighborhood.

Through hard work of myself and an army of family and friends, we have cleaned out the debris and brought in tables, children's books and games. Known as Loving Arms Childcare Center, this serves as a symbol

of what can happen when people are committed to bring about a change for the better.

I have now renamed the area "The Miracle Corner". We are so thankful to God for all the wonderful things he has done. I feel that if St. Luke Credit Union had not believed in us and stepped in to help, this would not have been possible. Thank you for believing in us because the word of the Lord says "All things are possible when you believe".

Thank you,

Larry & Yolanda Clegan