

IN AND AROUND  
LEXINGTON  
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Vivian Grayson went to Chicago to her brother’s funeral.

Rev. Frederick Thomas’ father passed recently.

Deputy Kenny Wilson was funeralized Sunday evening at Saints Academy Chapel (Holy Hill) in Lexington.

Gloria Benson is still sick.

Beverly Randle, Jr. is real sick. He had a stroke.

Mrs. Cook of Goodman passed recently. She was supposed to be funeralized Saturday, January 4. However, her husband passed a day or so before January 4. After he passed, her funeral was postponed. Maybe the family will have a double funeral. I am sorry I don’t have information on the Cook’s funerals.

TRIAD met Wednesday, January 8, at the Multi-Purpose Complex here in Lexington. The state department of human services gave The Right Information And Direction. Speakers were Mark Williams, division director, and Kenyada Blake-Washington, director of programs. They spoke on aging citizens, the Older American Act (OAA) and

the area Agency on Aging and its meal program. The Senior Citizens Feeding Programs and supplied through this agency daily, Monday through Friday. After the tornado messed up Durant I don’t know if Durant and Goodman still have a feeding site. I hope someone will call me and let me know.

You can also get a lot of home health care for the elderly through those programs. To get in contact with Area Agency on Aging call the North Central Planning Division on aging in Winona. The number is 662-283-2675 or go to the office at 28 Industrial Park Boulevard in Winona. Mark Williams discussed the social service program that provide protective service to abused, neglected, exploited, or vulnerable adults 18 years old and over.

Mack Anderson’s brother passed in Chicago, Illinois. Mack was unable to attend the funeral. His brother was cremated Saturday. Keep Mack uplifted in prayer. He gets around in a wheelchair.

Last Friday, some of the seniors at the senior citizen’s feeding site in Lexington

**\*New Governor**

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not causing more problems than it solves.”

Reeves was the 32nd lieutenant governor of Mississippi. He is the 12th lieutenant governor to become governor of the state, and is the only one to have served two terms as lieutenant governor before being elected to the higher office.

Bryant and Reeves have pushed tax cuts and trimmed state budgets. Reeves inherits several immediate challenges as governor, including an understaffed state prison system that was recently shaken by deadly violence that left five inmates dead and an undisclosed number injured.

Bryant was lieutenant governor one term before winning the governorship in 2011. Mississippi governors are limited to two terms. Bryant said he told Reeves the same thing that his own predecessor, Republican Haley Barbour, told him about being governor.

“It’s going to be the most demanding job you’ve ever had,” Bryant, 65, said last week. “There’s no 8 to 5, so you have to manage problems, big problems, on a daily basis. But I said, ‘Get your agenda, those things that you’re passionate about and keep moving on them. Just stay the course.’”

Reeves defeated fourth-term Democratic Attorney General Jim Hood and two lesser-known candidates in November.

Republicans this term have maintained control of the Mississippi House and Sen-

ate. With Hood out of office and replaced by a Republican, the GOP now holds all eight statewide offices.

Mississippi has among the lowest teacher salaries in the United States. Reeves and legislative leaders have all said they want to enact a teacher pay raise this year, although they have not released specific proposals.

“I am committed to elevating our public schools,” Reeves said in the text of his speech. “That means a pay raise for every teacher — and a new mission to give us more national board certified teachers per capita than any state in the nation. You will note that I did not say more than anyone in the Mid-South. I didn’t say number one in the Southeast. I said number one in the nation.”

Reeves is keeping some state agency directors from the Bryant administration. He will replace others, including Corrections Commissioner Pelicia Hall, who announced Dec. 31 that she would leave her job in mid-January to work in the private sector.

Hall and other corrections officials had repeatedly told Reeves and other legislative budget writers that Mississippi has difficulty hiring enough prison guards because of low pay, long hours and the dangers of the job. Despite that, legislators reduced spending on the prison system during the current year, which started July 1, and they are recommending another reduction for next year. As lieutenant governor, Reeves has had a prominent role in setting state budgets.

DURANT NEWS

by Rowena Hill

Mrs. C.H. (Dot) Blanton has returned home after spending time during the holidays with daughter Beth and family. She hasn’t been well since being home. Hope to see her out and in church again soon.

Friends and family of Mr. Billy Binegar are thankful he is getting well after an accident he suffered on his golf cart. Leah spent time with her dad, Scot and Margie Binegar during the weekend and attended church with them. It was good to see her home again.

Prayers are with Sara Nell and W.R. Martin. W.R. hasn’t been well for quite some time and has been pretty much home bound. Saranell isn’t well either. They need prayers. They visit here fairly often but not for a while.

went to visit Lula Pearl Benford in the nursing home in Durant. She’s doing pretty good. Part of one of her legs was taken off just below the knee. She is in the room with her daughter.

Call me with news at 662-834-1489.

Friends are thankful Mrs. Virginia (William) Ingram is feeling better and was in church and Sunday school last Sunday. She suffered a fall several weeks ago and broke a bone in her hand. It’s a treat to see her out and feeling better.

We are very thankful at First Baptist Church to have Bro. and Mrs. Ed McDaniel filling in while we have no pastor. We have loved them since they pastored at First Baptist Church many years ago. We also has a good music director. Hope he can be there regular as music leader.

Prayers and love are for the Buck Burrell family. He hasn’t returned home since he recently lost his wife, Nell. God bless and give comfort to the family. Hope to see him home again soon.

Joey and Jackie Hill returned home Wednesday after more than two weeks visiting daughter Jodi, Derek May and family thousands of miles away working as missionaries. We are all very grateful they are with God’s word but miss them a lot. Three weeks in all.

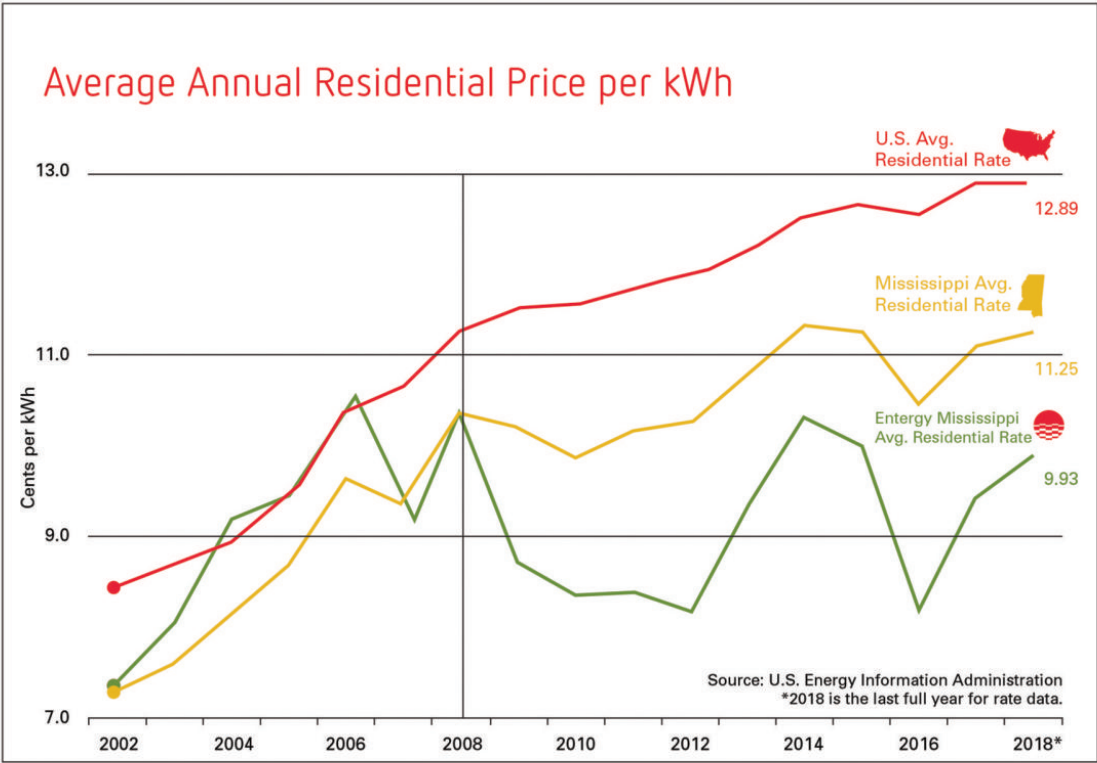
Mr. Charlie Irby and Alice enjoyed a visit from children and grandchildren during the weekend. We were very glad to have them come to church services with them. It had been a while.

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