

# Bible Society News

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The American Bible Society is challenged today not only by a population explosion, but by sweeping new opportunities in the fields of education and literacy.

In India, for example, there were only 24 million children in primary and secondary schools in 1950.

Today there are more than 68 million. This same country had only 300,000 college students in 1950. Today more than 1,100,000 crowd its campuses.

In the United States college enrollment increased 54 per cent in the period between 1960 and 1965. This jet-propelled evolution in learning is leaving behind it a vapor trail of impatience that causes students around the world to go on a rampage of destroying property, stoning, rioting, picketing, striking and shooting—an unrest that is evident, too, in the growing disparity in thought between the older generation and the younger one and in the increased tensions and frustrations of daily life.

## Commissioners Plan Meeting

President Fred Hauser of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners announced today that Rep. L. H. Fountain (D-N.C.), will be the keynote of the association's 60th Annual Convention which will be held August 13-16 at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

Rep. Fountain will open the meeting on Sunday evening, August 13, with an address to county commissioners, accountants, tax supervisors, attorneys and other county officials from the 100 North Carolina counties.

On Monday morning, August 14, political party Chairmen Tim Valentine (D) and Jim Halshouser (R) will speak to the delegates in a review of the issues facing North Carolina voters. Representatives Sam Johnson (D-Wake) and George Clark (R-New Hanover) will review the legislative processes from a party point of view. Also on Monday State Highway Commission Chairman Joseph Hunt, State Welfare Board Chairman Robert Howison, Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles Carroll and State Personnel Director Claude Caldwell will discuss matters of concern to county officials.

Highlighting the Tuesday session, Lt. Gov. Robert W. Scott, and former Speaker of the House David Britt will review the 1967 General Assembly session for the delegates. Also on Tuesday Harlan Boyles, Deputy State Treasurer, Senator Robert Morgan (D-Harnett), Representative David Bumgardner (D-Gaston), Representative Clarence Leatherman (D-Lincoln), Senator Ed Kemp (D-Guilford) and Floyd Evans, President, North Carolina Public Welfare Directors, will speak to the delegates and guests.

The convention will close Tuesday evening with the Annual Banquet and presentation of awards for outstanding county officials.

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# Let's Go To Church Sunday

## Sunday School Lesson

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

International Sunday School Lesson for Aug. 13

Memory Selection: "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."—I Corinthians 3:6-7.

Lesson Text: Acts 18:18-28.

This lesson deals with a very significant period in Paul's missionary activities—namely, the establishment of two churches in important cities—that of Corinth and Ephesus.

It also points out a very pertinent fact—that it does not take one of any particular training or education to do the Lord's work—and do it well.

For it was during Paul's travels that he met with Priscilla and Aquila, who were humble and relatively unlettered tent makers (Paul's own original calling). Nevertheless, this woman and this man were to play an important part (in their humble way) in furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For they were firm believers, and they practiced the doctrine of Christianity on every occasion that presented itself to them. Thus the hospitable offer of shelter to Paul and his companion during their sojourn in Ephesus. Their house was, indeed, a "church"—as so many homes were in those days.

The contribution they made to the doctrine of Christianity may, in no uncertain way, be measured by the fact that Paul invited Priscilla and Aquila to be his companions in his field of service to the Lord. Thus it is amply demonstrated, once again, that God gives to all people certain skills—certain values in His cause. It is how those skills and those values are employed that makes the difference.

The value of a person, in His eyes, lies in the service which is to be performed. Every Christian should be acutely aware of his own significance in the purposes of God—and he should also be acutely aware of the significance of other persons, for there is potential worth in every human being, and Christian service involves many people. Among them there must be an interaction and an interdependence in order to get the job at hand completed effectively.

Of this interdependence, the one upon the other, Paul was acutely aware. True, he stood head and shoulders above the crowd, but, just as the farmer plants his crops, he is dependent on Mother Nature to nurture them to fruition, so was Paul dependent upon others in the furtherance of the Gospel. The work performed by the Priscillas and the Aquilas was essential to the reality of his mission. And he never failed to acknowledge this fact, or the courage that was often exhibited in the performance of Christian duties.

Such courage was exhibited when Priscilla and Aquila, hearing Apollos make his presenta-

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When Jack Sinclair retired, he took his wife on a holiday cruise. They'll be home next week, and I'm certainly going to tell them how much they've been missed here at the church.

Like all ministers, I need a lot of help from my congregation to make our church a happy, inspiring place. Sinclair and his wife are just two of the many older members that keep things running smoothly. I depend on them for good ideas, for experienced administration and, very often, for a wise approach to young people's problems. In return, the Sinclairs have often told me how important their church has been in their lives, and how they both enjoy being needed.

That's one of the great secrets of life, I think... to be needed. And there isn't a church anywhere that doesn't have a real need for "senior citizens" to help with God's work.

THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

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Sunday Exodus 33:7-16	Monday II Samuel 7:1-11	Tuesday II Samuel 7:12-17	Wednesday Jeremiah 30:10-20	Thursday Matthew 11:25-30	Friday Mark 6:30-44	Saturday Luke 15:11-24
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