

Dr. Reginald Oxendine receives doctorate from N.C. State University



The above is the Dr. Reginald Oxendine family. They include Peggy, Micah, Reginald Jr. and Reginald Sr. The family was in attendance at Dr. Reginald Oxendine's graduation from North Carolina State University on May 15, 1982. Other members who were in attendance included Modlin Oxendine, Iona Oxendine, Treva Pierce, Marilyn Pierce and Frieda Dial. Dr. Reginald Oxendine received a Doctor of Education with a major in Adult Education and a minor in Anthropology and sociology. Dr. Oxendine is the first Lumbee Indian to receive a Doctor's degree from North Carolina State University. Dr. Oxendine is presently employed with Lumberton City Schools as Director-Coordinator of Title IV. He received his Master's degree from East Carolina University in Educational Administration; a bachelor of Science degree from Pembroke State University and he is also a graduate of Prospect High School.

The Sunday School Lesson

A Ministry of the First Swamp Baptist Association

Subject: The Philippian Jailer
A Shaken Man
Acts 16:25-40

By Mr. Claude A. Simpson

In 1735 two brothers sailed from England to Georgia as missionaries of the Anglican Church to the settlers and Indians there. They were not fitted for that ministry and soon returned home. Charles Wesley returned in 1737 and John Wesley in 1738. When John's ship was caught in a terrible storm he was frightened. Moravian missionaries, however, were very calm. One of them told Wesley that he was not afraid because of Christ's protection. When he asked Wesley if he knew Christ the Anglican minister at the moment realized he did not.

Months later while listening to a man reading Martin Luther's commentary on Romans, Wesley had a life changing experience. He said, "I felt my heart strangely warmed. I did trust Christ for salvation." This shaken man later became the founder of Methodism.

During Paul's second missionary journey the apostle and Silas went to Lystra in Asia Minor and enlisted a young man by the name of Timothy. Later while in Troas Paul had a vision of a man in Macedonia requesting help to which Paul responded. Luke, the physician, joined

them for the voyage. They worshipped on the Sabbath near Philippi with a female convert by the name of Lydia and other women worshippers.

One day as the four men made their way to a prayer meeting, a young slave girl followed declaring them to be "servants of the most high God proclaiming a way of salvation." After enduring this outcry for many days and realizing the girl's Satanic possession, Paul was annoyed and delivered her from the evil spirit in Jesus' name.

Certain men had been using the girl's strange prophecies for personal gain. When these exploiters realized her "powers" had been dismissed, they dragged Paul and Silas to the market place to face complaints before a judge. They did not mention their real concern but rather accused these Jews for teaching things illegal for Romans. Even though Rome tolerated most religions it forbade trying to convert Roman citizens. When the crowd shouted for prosecution the judge commanded Paul and

Silas to be beaten and imprisoned. The jailer treated them as dangerous men by placing them in the innermost prison and putting their feet in iron stocks.

Despite the ordeal of punishment Paul and Silas began to sing and pray in the midst of the night. Acts 16:25 states: "At midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them." Other prisoners listened and suddenly an earthquake shook the foundations. Locks opened, chains slipped free from cracked stone walls and stocks fell apart.

The prisoners could move freely. Paul saw the jailer ready to kill himself to avoid the disgrace of losing his prisoners. Paul shouted: "Do thyself no harm for we are here." Calling for a light, the jailer rushed into the prison and fell down before Paul and Silas: "What must I do to be saved?" The jailer may have thought about the threat of losing his job and life but felt compelled to respond to the



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Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Ransom of Red Springs, announce the engagement of their daughter Linda to Eddie Holmes, son of Mr. & Mrs. Normie Holmes of Lumberton. She is also the daughter of the late Edward Lee Jacobs of Pembroke. The bride-elect is a 1980 graduate of St. Pauls

High School. Her fiancée is a 1979 graduate of Magnolia High School and a member of the U.S. Navy. The wedding is planned for August 21st at 6 p.m. at Union Chapel Community Church. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall of the church. All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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