

The Sunday School Lesson

A Ministry of the
Burnt Swamp Baptist Association

SUBJECT: SILAS & TITUS: WORKERS WITH PAUL OR WANTED: TEAM PLAYERS
By Rev. Lawrence P. Hardy, Pastor, Berea Baptist Church
Focal Passages: Acts 15:22, 30-41; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16; 8:1-24

The question that comes to mind as we read this Sunday School lesson is: how much would the Apostle Paul or any outstanding Christian leader accomplish without the help of others, without team players? Now it is a mark of Paul's greatness that he was always willing to acknowledge those who helped him or accompanied him in travel or in prison. His epistles abound in personal references that reveal the value he put on those men

and women who stood by his side under varying circumstances. Among these were Silas and Titus. No great accomplishments are recorded for these two men and so like many unsung heroes down through the centuries they were content to receive commendations as faithful men to the glory of God and were willing to play lesser roles in order that God's cause might be advanced. Fortunate is the pastor and the church that has good church helpers to help in caring for the work of the Lord. Good church helpers can be a pastor's greatest asset and ally. Our attitude whether pastor, church leader or helper has a great deal to

do with whether or not we can effectively work together with one another and other Christians.

And we will be able to work together effectively if we will ever keep in the forefront of our minds that our sole purpose as Christians is to serve "God in Christ" and to advance God's kingdom on earth. It is urgent that all who are elected in the select role of "servant-leader" act responsibly. We are to be responsible followers of Christ and responsible "servant-leaders." We are responsible to Christ and the Church. Silas and Titus were the kind of persons the Church could trust with a serious mission. And least we forget any mission carried out in the name of the Lord is serious. Therefore, any office to which the Church may elect us deserves our best, our utmost for the highest. The other side of the coin is the fact that a church should very carefully select people for positions of responsibility and leadership. There is too much at stake to commit the leadership of the Church to people

who are spiritually indifferent.

It should be noted of Silas that he remained with the Church of Antioch for their continued encouragement. There is no greater asset than that of stickability through thick and thin. Our churches today are often plagued with roving members. I like to call them buzzard church-goers. After they have picked to pieces one church's leadership and members they move on to another church to pick and criticize. It is members who stand by their church and uphold it that strengthen the cause of Christ and the Church. People who just visit around help no one. They become spectators rather than participants. They make poor workers and poor teamplayers. Church work is also handicapped by members who take mini-vacations about every other Sunday. This admittedly may be very enjoyable but it certainly doesn't make responsible church members or good team players. Even if they attend church services somewhere else on their mini vacation

this doesn't mean they are fulfilling their Christian responsibility. Church members on the go will never get a church on the go.

It is said of Titus that "of his own accord" he went to Corinth to help the Corinthian church. His action describes the voluntary nature of the truly dedicated, positive Christian. He did not have to be begged to serve nor was he like so many that get their feelings hurt if they aren't asked. He just saw a need and volunteered to do his part. He was not a reluctant Christian servant but was eager to minister wherever needed. The Christian is not a conscript; he is an eager volunteer. Volunteer this Sunday to be a church helper wherever needed.

Paul in verse twenty-three of Chapter eight of Second Corinthians speaks of Titus and two others of bringing glory to Christ, that is, their lives were as mirrors in which Christ and the excellency of Christ's character was reflected. Nothing greater can be said of any person: no one should be able to say less of

any Christian. This is what is meant by bringing glory to Christ. May all true believers bring glory to Christ as did Titus and his two fellow workers in Christ. They were truly team players. May we be counted on the team players to the glory of Christ and the blessing of others in His Name. Amen.

BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD

The Red Cross Blood mobile will be at the fellowship hall of Prospect United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The blood drive is sponsored by the Prospect Jaycees and Jayettes. Area citizens are encouraged to visit the church and donate blood. Give so that others might live.



A sonnet is a poem of 14 lines with a fixed pattern of meter and rhyme. Its name is an Italian word meaning a little song.

Community Calendar

POW WOW PLANNED

The Third Annual Naval Air Station Pow Wow will be held August 27th and 28th, Jacksonville, Florida. The event is being sponsored by the Jacksonville Naval Air Station and will be hosted by the Southern Iroquoian Confederation. No intoxicating beverages are permitted on the base.

Activities planned include Hawk Throwing, Dance Contests, TeePee Judging. Cash and ribbons will be awarded. There will be a \$2.00 fee for dance contests and traders will be allowed free. There will be free camping. No hook-ups, hot showers, fry bread stand, food available and fun for all.

The drummer will be from the North Florida Indian Culture Society. Head singer will be David Hart. The public is welcome.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

The new 1982-83 school year began for teachers on Tuesday, August 17. The first two weeks will be in-service workshops and planning for teachers.

Children in grades 1-6 will report for school on Monday, August 30, for the first full day of school.

James C. Dial, Principal of Pembroke Elementary School, requests that all children in grades 1-6 report to the school gym at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 30 for home room assignments. Parents are specifically requested not to visit the school the first day of school. This will enable the staff to get the children settled in their classrooms. After the first week of school, parents are encouraged to visit the school by appointment.

Kindergarten children will not attend the first day of school. Parents are requested to come to school for a teacher conference on August 27 and August 30.

Kelly K. Sanderson, Assistant Principal, will be in charge of school transportation. He states that bus routes are already prepared and for the most part will follow last year's routes. Questions on transportation may be directed to him. Parents and patrons of the school are encouraged to report any observed un-safe conditions.

For more information call Chief Walking Thunder at 725-8541 or 354-1304 or write the Southern Iroquoian Confederation, 9752 Cunningham Road, Jacksonville, Fla. 32216.

AUDITIONS BEGIN

"Robeson Little Theatre" has announced that auditions for their first production, "Day and Night, An Evening of Cole Porter" have been scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, August 31st and September 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Osterneck Auditorium in the Robeson County Library in Lumberton.

The production, a review to benefit the Carolina Theatre Fund of the Little Theatre, requires 2 men and 3 women who sing. Music will be provided at the audition.

For more information call 521-0308.

CRUISE TO THE BAHAMAS

Cruise to the Bahamas planned for November 25th-29th, 1982. If interested call Hazel Hunt at 521-4233 or Jackie Bullard at 521-9397. Deposit needed by August 31st.

HOLY LAND USA

Join us for an over night trip to the Holy Land USA October 16th and 17th. Provides a suggestion of the truly Holy Land for those who cannot go to Israel. If interested call Hazel Hunt at 521-4233. Need a deposit by Sept. 17th.

CONFERENCE SING TO BE HELD

The Lumber River Methodist Conference sing will be held Sunday, August 29 at 2 p.m. at the New Bethel Holiness Methodist Church, Route 3, Fairmont.

All churches in the conference are urged to be present. Visiting Choirs and Quartets are welcome.

Rev. Ward Clark is pastor.

BLESSING OF HOME PLANNED

The Blessing of the Elmer T. Lowery home will be held August 28, 1982 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., Rowland, NC. Officiating ministers will be Rev. Harold Woods, Rev. Samuel Wynn and Rev. Jerry Lowry. Soloist will be Mrs. Doreen Lowry. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

PLATE SALE PLANNED

Sandy Plains United Methodist Church is having a chicken and barbecue plate sale September 3, 1982 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

by Violet Rose Wilkins
Pastor: Elder Larue Barton.
Assistant pastor: Elder W.T. Lowery.

We praise the Lord for the wonderful service we had Sunday, especially for the precious soul that accepted Christ as his personal Savior.

We would like to invite you to our Monday night youth services and Bible Study on Thursday. We are studying the first chapter of Romans.

You are invited to our homecoming Sunday, Sept. 12. Our goal is to have the attendance of 200 for Sunday School. Come help us reach that goal. We will serve dinner and have special singing that afternoon.

Rev. Larue Barton will be preaching Friday night at St. Pauls Holiness Church. You are invited to attend that service.

Tune in Bro. Jesse Lowery's radio program every Sunday on WEWO at 2 p.m. We invite you to attend any or all of our services. Pray for the members of our church that we will always put Christ first in our lives.



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1/2 GAL.

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11 CT.

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