Sunday School Lesson

Rev. Waylon R. Wallace

Greetings fellow Bible-stu- selves. dents. Our lesson subject for this Sunday is "Personally Accountable to God." We have two lesson scriptures. They are Luke 12:35 - 48 and James

This lesson has a message of gold for us because it has so much to say. First of all, it tells us that we are all accountable to God. We are accountable to God because, "it is he that has made us and not we ourselves." So, as we belong to him we are also accountable to him. Furthermore, since mankind has abused the freedom which God has blessed us with and sold ourselves to Sin and Satan, God has bought us back with the precious blood of his Son, Jesus Christ. We are his twice over.

We are accountable to him for the fact that all good that we enjoy is received from his gracious hand. We owe accountability to God for it is through his great love that the guilt of our sins have been charged to Jesus." The next message of this

lesson is that some day each of us must give account to God for our leadership in life. Each person without a single exception will give account. The rich, especially because so often in this life their money enables them to escape justice. But, the poor will not be excused because of his poverty. No one will be excluded because of their racial background or national origin. The highly educated as well as the illiterate must give account to God. Those of uncommon or exceptional ability must give account.

We must give account of ourselves. No one else. We point the finger at someone else so many times as a way of excusing an action we know to

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Rev. Wallace

This is very serious as we consider that God knows everything. That is He already knows what we have done and are doing. He is always present everywhere. He knows our thoughts. There are many things we try to hide from the world but there is nothing that can be hidden from God, and this is who we must give account to.

The wicked servant erred in that he forgot that he was accountable, he felt secure that his master was not present and would not know of his indescretions, and he neglected to be prepared for the master's return. This is the third great message of the lesson. We must prepare to meet God. Without a doubt we will all meet God someday. We must meet him for ourselves. We must give an account of what we have done with the life that He has entrusted to our care. Have we wasted our lives, or have we with the help of God made

something worthy of them. Many folk today are concerned with the judgement to come at the end of the world. But, let us not become too overly disturbed about this. For then we die it is the end of this world for us. Let us prepare ourselves for death. For we must die and cannot live forever in this life. How shall we prepare for death and the divine appointment to follow? First, by accepting the good news of Christ as the basis for our lives. Second, by living a life of service to

Are you prepared to give account to God concerning the use of the time he has entrusted to your care? Have you used it to develop the abilities that he has blessed you with? be wrong. But, God is not Have you used it to serve the going to call us to give an needs of those around you in account of anyone but dur-need of your help?

Church News Briefs

Mrs. Harris Is First Baptist Church's Women Day Speaker

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer

Mrs. Hazeline Taylor Harris, a native of Charlotte who is now Coordinator of Arlington, Virginia Public Schools, will be guest speaker for Women's Day at First Baptist Church Sunday, October 30, at 11 a.m. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Taylor of St. Luke St.

Mrs. Harris attended Charlotte public schools, Bennett College, University of Virginia, Johnson C. Smith University, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

She has served as a Reading and Language Arts Specialist, Resource Teacher, Assistant Principal, Program Counselor, elementary classroom teacher, Headstart Team Leader, Coordinator of Title I Program for ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages), and panelist.

Mrs. Harris also co-authored the "Encyclopedia of ES-EA Title I Content."

Mrs. Ella Yarborough, 1977 Woman of the Year at First Baptist, will preside over the Women's Day service. She is Mrs. Harris' aunt

A social hour immediately following the service will be in the Fellowship Hall of the church which is now located at 1801 Oaklawn Ave. Dr. J.B. Humphrey is the minister.

NEW EMMANUEL

Mrs. Kate Lassiter Jones will be Laity speaker at New Emmanuel United Church of Christ Sunday, October 30, at 11 a.m. For many years she was field worker of the Congregational Christian Churches of the Southern Churches and was with the Social Services Department of New York City. She is now with the Social Services Department in Randolph County.

Mrs. Lassiter is an active member of Streeby Congregational United Church of Christ and is treasurer of the Women's Department of the Western North Carolina District Association of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. N.C. Calhoun, pastor of New Emmanuel, has been initiated into membership in

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Mrs. Hazeline T. Harris .First Baptist Speaker

the International Association of Platform Speakers, according to information received on

Lowell Thomas, widely known news commentator, is president of the association. New Emmanuel is at 3540 Beatties Ford Road.

SECOND CALVARY

The Senior Musical Choir of Second Calvary Baptist Church, 114 Nelson Ave. celebrated its 31 anniversary recently. Twenty area choirs joined the Musical Choir in an evening of

The ladies of the choir were clad in hot peach dresses and wore corsages of pink carnations. The men wore black tuxedos and pink carnation boutonnieres.

The first annual award for Choir Member of the Year was presented to Ms. Gwendolyn Simmons. She received a plaque and Proctor Roddy and Charlie Vinson each received certificates as runnerup.

Director of the choir and organist is Ted Martin. The pianist is Danny Martin. Rev. Lemar Foster is pastor of Second Calvary.

FAITH MEMORIAL

Rev. W.H. Caldwell Sr. and the Congregation of Faith Memorial Baptist Church will be the guests of Rev. Charles Mack and his congregation at New High Springs Baptist Church, Gastonia, on Sunday, November 6.

Rev. Mack assisted in the ministerial duties of Faith Memorial during the time



Nathaniel Blackmon ...Preaches trial sermon

they were without a minister, before Rev. Caldwell arrived. The public is invited to attend this service.

Missionary Group No. 1 of Faith Memorial will have a special service Sunday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. J.W. Scales of Morrow Chapel Church, Mooresville. He will be accompanied by members of his congregation. Theme for the evening will

be "Arise, Let Us Go Hence." The public is asked to at-

AME ZION WIVES

The AME Zion Minister's Wives of Charlotte met recently at the home of Bishop and Mrs. George J. Leake.

Mrs. Cora Allen and Mrs. Allie Clarke, wives of two presiding elders of the Western North Carolina Conference of the AME Zion Church, were special guests.

Mrs. Eddie Long of Long's Funeral Home was honored at the meeting for her outstanding leadership in the field of christian education. She also gave a brief talk to the assembled ladies.

Mrs. Leake presented each lady a lovely corsage. Re-freshments and fellowship followed the meeting. President of the Minister's Wives is Mrs. organize a girls team and add



Rev. N.C. Calhoun ... New Emmanuel pastor

Smith Turner and secretary is Mrs. A.C. Hunnycutt. GETHSEMANE

> The Usher Boards of Gethsemane AME Zion Church will hold their third annual fashion show and Baby Contest Saturday, October 29, at 6:30 p.m.

The Deaconess Board of Greater Gethsemane will present Napolean Brown - James Maxwell and the Southern Sisters and Guests Sunday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is urged to attend both these events.

UNIVERSITY PARK

On October 14 at 7 p.m., the University Park Baptist Church held an Awards Banquet. The banquet was coordinated by the assistant director of athletics for the church, Michael Lloyd. It was in honor of the sports played during the year by members of the church. The sports included softball and basketball. These sports were played at Hidden Valley and Tryon Hills elementary schools and McCrorey Branch YMCA.

In a recent interview Lloyd stated that this was the first banquet but they were going to make it an annual event. He also said they were going to



Rev. Lemar Foster ..Second Calvary pastor

volley ball to the list of sports

for next year. The banquet was to award players for their achievements during the year. The highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the William McCoy Award to Rickey Banks, athletic director for services and participation rendered.

Mr. McCoy, a member of the softball team was killed in a car accident.

BAPTIST USHERS .

A Fifty State Rally Program was held by the Missionary Baptist Ushers' Union at New Hope Baptist Church, 2612 Statesville Ave., recently. The eight participating churches were: Antioch, Bethany, Gethsemane, First Mt. Calvary, Shiloh Institutional, New Hope, Pleasant Hill and Ebenezer Baptist Churches. Each of the 50 States was

represented by a member of the usher board of the churches. Proceeds from the affair were divided among the churches to support usher board programs. Mrs. Iola Brown, Mrs. Nora

Smith and Paul Alexander led devotions, the welcome was by Mrs. Annie Ruth Thomas with responses by Mrs. Lucinda Satterwhite and Torrence Powers. There were remarks

by the president of the ushers group, Gene Burris, and the chairperson for the program, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell.

Announcements and benediction were by Rev. Moore, pastor of New Hope. Music

was by the New Hope Choir. CHURCH OF GOD

Nathaniel Raymond Blackmon, the son of Mrs. Doris Blackmon and the late Curtis Blackmon, will preach his trial sermon Sunday, October 30, at 3 p.m. at The Church of God of Prophecy in Kannapo-

Blackmon is a native of Kannapolis and attended the public schools there. He is now furthering his Bible training through a correspondence course with the Church of God of Prophecy Bible Training Institute in Cleveland, Ten-

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