

### Sunday School Lesson



Rev. Waylon Wallace

Greetings, fellow Bible students! Our lesson this week is found in Acts 4:5-31. The subject of the lesson is "Power of the Resurrected Christ." It dramatically demonstrates that the power Christ displayed did not die in the tomb, but it continued and continues to be an active force in the world.

This may be considered a continuation of last week's lesson. Peter and John were brought before the Sanhedrin Council, the Supreme Court of the Jews, after being held over a night for preaching Christ. This council was composed of the religious leaders and the wealthy aristocrats of their people. Some of the same men on this council were the ones who had met secretly and illegally to condemn Jesus to his death.

Peter and John were treated with contempt. They were looked down upon as men with no formal or technical training, especially in regards to the law. They were threatened. Despite their obvious lack of any professional status they displayed a type of royal dignity which was a testimony that they had been in the company of Jesus. This royal dignity they possessed had in it an element of courage. A kind of courage that realized the dangerous position they were in and the consequences of obeying God rather than men, which enabled them to stand firm in doing and saying the things that pleased God.

Peter and John defended themselves. They defended themselves with the evidence of the undeniable cure of a man. Their second defense was loyalty to God. They remembered the admonition of the Lord to fear God rather than man. They were more concerned with God's will than man's will. Their third defense was their personal Christian experience.

After their release, they returned to their own people. Their own people were not their blood relatives. Their own people were not the members of their own race. Their own people were the other sons and daughters of God through faith in Jesus Christ. They made a report to the rest of the church concerning what had happened to them on account of their faithful witness. The response of these people was contrary to what may be imagined, considering their situation. They praised God! They recognized the futility of man's rebellious rage against the plans of God and the cause of Christ. Their one petition was not protection but boldness to witness. The result was that they experienced fresh assurance of the Lord's presence and power. With this

assurance they continued to witness with boldness.

There are many lessons to be learned from this passage of scripture. (1) The Christian faith is always on trial. There are always people whose selfish interest conflict with the demands and the consequences of Christianity. Often the greatest opposition comes from among those folk who view Christianity as a faith or an idea to be accepted intellectually rather than a reality to be lived. Then, there are those who are so successful in the business world that they see Christianity as a threat to their profits when put into practice. Too many business people see their faith as something to be laid aside during business hours. There are still those who find people who really believe in the Lord contemptible. And, surprisingly to some, there are still places in the world where it is dangerous to profess Christ.

(2) The Christian's defense is still the same. A changed life is the greatest testimony of the truth and value of Christianity. The story is told of a converted alcoholic who was being harassed on his job by his fellow mill workers.

One asked him if he really believed Jesus had turned water into wine. He replied that he did not know about that, but that he did know in his own home Jesus had turned beer into food, wine into clothes, whiskey into house payments, a bum into a husband, and a drunk into a father. Loyalty to God first and foremost is still the Christian's only true security. Finally, personal experience with Christ makes such a radical difference in a person's life that it cannot go unnoticed. (3) The fellowship of the true church is a source of strength. Our true brothers and sisters are those to whom we are united spiritually.

When we gather as believers we ought to have some witnessing experiences to report. Praising God we must seek the courage that comes from him to continue taking a stand for him.

#### UNIVERSITY PARK

Dr. James E. Palmer, pastor of University Park Baptist Church, Keller and Senior Drive, has announced Spring Revival at the church beginning March 27 and lasting through March 31, nightly at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the week will be Dr. Ronald E. Odom, Sr., pastor of Lifeline Missionary Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Rev. Palmer said there will be "old fashioned praying, singing and preaching and he urges the public to attend.

### Church News Briefs

## Silver Mount Ushers To Sponsor Gospel Train Program Saturday

The Silver Mount Usher's Chorus will have its Annual Gospel Train program on Saturday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. More than 25 musical groups are expected to participate in the program. According to a spokesman, this is one of the most enjoyable events to take place at the church and the public is urged to attend all or part of the celebration which usually lasts past midnight.



Dr. J.G. Whitfield  
...Corinthian pastor  
Center, 310 North King's Drive.

Silver Mount will host the Annual Easter Sunrise Service Sunday morning at 6 a.m. Rev. M.L. Houston, pastor of China Grove Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon. Music will be by the China Grove Choir and others.

Following the Sunrise Service, breakfast of country ham, grits, eggs, jelly, toast and coffee will be served free to everyone attending.

Rev. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount, will deliver the 11 a.m. sermon and Easter program will follow at 1 p.m.

The public is invited to attend all these services. Silver Mount is located in Matthews.

#### CORINTHIAN

Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church, 9147 Trinity Road, will sponsor a program Easter Sunday at 3:30 p.m. entitled "The Four Gospels."

The program will be sponsored by the Missionary Department. Speakers will be Rev. James Houston, pastor of First Mount Zion Baptist Church; Rev. Van W. Jackson, Ambassadors For Christ Baptist Church; Rev. Nathaniel Watts, associate pastor of Middle Street AME Zion Church and Rev. Joseph L. Shaw of Henry's Chapel AME Zion Church.

Mrs. C. Shaw is president of the Missionary Department and Dr. J.G. Whitfield is pastor of Corinthian.

#### C.N. JENKINS MEMORIAL

C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church will hold Easter Sunrise Services at 6 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately afterward, prepared by the Men's Council.

Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship at 11 a.m. and at 6 p.m. there will be an Easter program sponsored by The Young People.

C.N. Jenkins is located at 1421 Statesville Ave. and Rev. George C. Goodman is pastor.

#### SUNRISE SERVICE

Charlotte Park and Recreation Department and Charlotte Area Clergy Association will co-sponsor an Easter Sunrise Service in Freedom Park Sunday, March 26 at 6:30 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Raymond Worsley, pastor of First United Presbyterian Church and guest musicians will be West Charlotte High School Chorus.

Following the sunrise service, a special dedication will be made to Bishop Herbert Spaug in recognition of his contributions to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community.

In case of rain, the service will be held in the Park

#### BEREAN SDA CHURCH

Sister Bernice Miller was Ladies Day speaker at Berean last week. Speaking on the topic, "Christ In Adventist Education," Sister Miller told the more than 600 in the audience, "As Women of Berean, we must ask ourselves 'What is our role in this area?'"

She went on to quote Bible scripture that says, "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Then she noted, "Our ideas of education take too narrow and too low a range. There is need for a broader scope, a higher aim...more than the pursuit of a certain course of study...guidance in the cause of God."

#### STEEL CREEK

Mount Zion AME and O Zion AME Churches will join with Steel Creek AME Zion Church to celebrate Holy Week, March 23 through March 26.

Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. services will be at O Zion with Rev. C.D. Stackhouse, pastor of Mount Zion as speaker.

Friday, March 24, Rev. George McNeely, pastor of Steel Creek, will speak at Mount Zion.

Easter Sunrise Service will be at Steel Creek with O Zion's pastor, Rev. J.F. Baxter, delivering the message. Breakfast will be served to all who attend.

#### EAST STONEWALL AME

East Stonewall AME Zion Church will hold Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast, prepared by the Progressive Club, will be served immediately afterward.

Regular morning worship will be at 11 a.m.

At 3 p.m. the Church School staff will sponsor the Annual Easter Program for the children of the church.

The public is invited to share all these events.

East Stonewall is at 1729 Grier's Grove Road. Rev. James E. McCoy is the pastor.

#### JOINT SUNRISE SERVICE

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Morning Glade Methodist Church, Logan's Chapel Methodist Church will join St. Paul's United Presbyterian Church for a joint Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m.

Rev. O.L. Porter, pastor of Logan's Chapel, will deliver



Ms. Bernice Miller  
...Ladies Day speaker  
The message. Free breakfast will be served following the service and the public is invited to attend.

St. Paul is located on Robinson Church Road. Rev. Robert Walton is the pastor.

#### ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Baptist Church will have regular worship service at 11 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, followed by an "Old Time Speaking and Singing Program" sponsored by the Sunday School and Musical Departments of the church.

St. John's is located in Newell and the pastor is Rev. Robert Leak.

#### SHARON UNITED

A "Continuing Easter Festival" will begin at Sharon United Methodist Church, 4411 Sharon Road (across from South Park), Thursday, April 6, and continue through Sunday, April 9. The guest speaker will be Dr. W. Maurice King, Dean of The Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, Tenn. and Associate Editor of The Upper Room. He will speak on the topic, "A Deepening Personal Commitment to Christ."

Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. each evening except Sunday, when it will commence at 11 a.m. There will be a cover-

ed dish supper at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

The public is cordially invited to take part in these services.

#### MAYFIELD MEMORIAL

The pastor, Rev. H.S. Diggs, will deliver the message when Mayfield Memorial holds Easter Sunrise Service at 6 p.m. March 26. Music will be by the Senior Choir with Mrs. Delores Dial at the organ. An Easter Fellowship Breakfast will follow the service.

The combined five choirs of Mayfield will render music for the 11 a.m. worship service.

At 3 p.m. the Sunday School Department will present an Easter Program. Mrs. Joyce Stukes is program chairman, DeSoto Ellis is General Director of the Sunday School Department and John L. Massey is General Secretary.

The Young Adult Choir of Mayfield will present an Easter Musical at 6 p.m., March 26. Soloists will include Phyllis Houston, Joyce Stukes, Rhonda Gooden, Ann Gupton, and Richard Campbell. Gardenia

Dalton will narrate. Barbara Alexander, minister of Music for Mayfield, is director and organist of the Young Adult Choir.

#### GETHSEMANE AME ZION

Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church will present their annual Children's Easter Program during the regular Sunday School Hour. Everyone is urged to be there by 9:30 a.m. Rehearsals for the program will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.

Gethsemane's Senior Choir will present an Easter Cantata at 5:15 p.m. Easter Sunday. The public is urged to participate in this service.

Gethsemane is located at 531 Campus Street, and the pastor is Rev. George E. Battle.

#### NEW EMMANUEL

Good News of Miracles Outreach will sponsor a "Saints Gathering and Soul Saving Festival and Revival" at New Emmanuel Congregation Christian Church at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Mrs. Iren Medlin of Monroe and Ms. Marquita (who once was blind) will participate and share testimonies. There will be music by several choirs.

Rev. N.C. Calhoun, pastor of New Emmanuel, invites the public to attend and share in this occasion. The church is located at 3540 Beatties Ford Road.

#### FIRST MOUNT ZION

First Mount Zion Baptist, 1515 Remount Road, will hold Easter Sunrise Services at 5:30 a.m. The public is invited. Beginning the fifth Sunday in March, First Mount Zion will have early morning services from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The public is invited.

#### LAYMEN COUNCIL

The Charlotte District Laymen's Council Meeting will be held at Cathy Memorial AME Zion Church Monday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone needing transportation may contact Preston Black or Mrs. Rebecca Sullivan.

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Rev. Coleman W. Kerry

### MEMORIAL UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter Sunrise Services 6 A.M.  
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At 8 A.M. Men's Counsel Will Meet At The Church

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