

WEEKLY REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA; THE GREATEST STATE IN THE UNION

It is estimated new building construction over the country for 1927 will reach \$5,000,000, while expenditure of more than \$4,000,000,000 will be required to cover replacements and ordinary repairs.

Elizabeth City—Plans discussed for building dirt road across Indian Island in Camden county to connect lower Currituck county with Elizabeth City at cost of \$93,000.

Morehead City—Fort Macon State Park near here to be beautified and 1800 forest tree seedlings to be planted.

Wilmington—Work started on construction of new drainage system at Market and Water streets.

Carolina Beach—Town limits of Carolina Beach to be extended.

Wilmington—\$37,000 to be expended for improvements at Tidewater Power company's power and gas plants here.

Salisbury—North Hills corporation with capital of \$15,000 granted charter.

January construction volume in State of North Carolina amounted to \$3,599,300.

Beaufort—Ground broken for new graded school in this town.

Merrimon—Farmers in this section planting white potatoes.

Beaufort—\$65,000 appropriated for dredging Beaufort inlet.

Spartanburg—Ware Shoals Manufacturing company to erect \$1,000,000 textile plant at Ware Shoals.

Fayetteville—Ground broken for construction of \$100,000 new theater here.

Woodleaf—Contract let at \$58,975 for construction of new school-house in this town.

Elkin—Work resumed on construction of new building for Elkin Furniture company here.

Durham—Charter granted Home Mortgage company with capital of \$500,000.

High Point—New post office contemplated for construction in this city.

Durham—Tobacco sales on Durham market during week ended February 12 totaled 533,474 pounds.

Madison—Additional machinery to be installed in plant of Dan River Chair company.

Wilmington—Tidewater Power company purchases additional property on Castle street for expansion of plant.

Elkin—Plans being made to organize company capitalized at \$100,000 to develop deposit of black granite found near here.

Charlotte—Plans discussed for locating new branch of Federal Reserve Bank in this city.

Kinston—New branch store of Efrid company to be opened in this town.

Raleigh—Contract let for erection of \$215,000 Catholic Orphanage at Nazareth near Raleigh.

Asheville—Shell Metal Sign company with capital of \$500,000 incorporated.

High Point—Five new factories erected in this city during 1926.

High Point—Plans under way for extending business zone of High Point.

Hickory—Southern Power Company erecting 100-foot dam across Catawba River northeast of Hickory.

Williamston—Several streets of town being improved and repaired.

Williamston—Grounds of Carolina Telephone & Telegraph company being beautified.

Wilmington—Rapid progress being made on first unit of national Junior Orphans Home here.

Charlotte—Contract awarded for construction of \$50,000 new plant of American Bakeries company in West Trade street.

Law Bern—Contract let for resurfacing section of Scott's Hill road.

Mill Spring—Mill Spring Mercantile company with capital of \$20,000 granted charter.

Kannapolis—Construction commenced on new building of Cabarrus Savings Bank.

North Wilkesboro—\$150,000 bond issue approved for improvement and construction of Wilkes county roads.

Wagram—Carolina Power company almost completes extending its lines between Laurinburg and Wagram.

Charlotte—Site chosen for erection of new Bethune School costing \$200,000 in Irwin Park.

Wilmington—Work to start soon on construction of new city incinerator.

Kitty Hawk—Plans under way for erecting two resort hotels in vicinity of Kitty Hawk.

High Point—Southern Power company to build power line from High Rock to High Point.

Wingate—Contract awarded for erection of gymnasium on campus of Wingate Junior College.

Danbury—Contract let for construction of steel bridge across Dan-River at Seven Island ford two miles north of Danbury.

Wilmington—Tide Water company to improve and beautify its grounds at Shore Acres.

Morehead City—Plans under way for erection of Atlantic Beach bridge connecting Morehead City and Beaufort with Ocean Beach.

Raleigh—French Bootery, Inc., with capitalization of \$25,000 chartered.

Fairmont—Contract let for erection of new brick store corner Main and Center streets.

North Carolina ranked first in 1926 in acreage, production, and value of tobacco crop which was estimated at 393,190,000 pounds.

Improved Uniform International Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for March 20 THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

LESSON TEXT—John 14:1-3; II Cor. 5:1-10. I John 2:2, 3.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Our Heavenly Home.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Christ Preparing a Home for Christians.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Our Heavenly Home.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Beauty and Power of the Christian's Hope.

I. Assurance of a Heavenly Home (Jno. 14:1-3).

The announcement concerning the death of Christ, accompanied with the shaping of events which pointed to a speedy accomplishment of the same, shattered the disciples' hope. The Lord told them that He was going away and that they could not follow Him. This brought great grief to their hearts. They perhaps began to doubt His Messiahship, but He did not leave them comfortless.

1. He asked them to believe and trust in Himself as God (v. 1).

"Ye believe in God, believe also in me." Faith in the God-man, Christ Jesus, will steady the heart, no matter how great the sorrow or intense the grief. If we will but place the cares and burdens of life upon Him our tears shall be turned into joy and our despondency transformed into a radiant hope.

2. He assured them that He was going to prepare a place for them in His Father's house (v. 2).

He assured them that that place would have an abundance of room, for there were "many mansions" in His Father's house. We should learn from this that heaven is not an imaginary place. It is a prepared place for a prepared people.

3. He assured them that He would come again and escort them to heaven (v. 3).

Jesus will not wait for His own to come to Him, but will personally come back to the earth and call forth from the graves those who have died in the faith (I Thess. 4:16, 17), and transform living believers and take them all to be with Himself in the heavenly home for evermore. When He said, "I will come again," He no doubt meant His personal, bodily and literal return to this earth.

II. Assurance of the Resurrection of the Body (II Cor. 5:1-10).

That which nerved Paul for his conflict even when physical death threatened was the assurance that even such violence would but hasten his presence with the Lord. As he faced the uncertain future he was sure:

1. That his present body was only a tabernacle, a tent in which he lived temporarily (v. 1).

Though this tent were destroyed he had nothing to fear, as there was a building to take its place. This house which is to take the place of the tent is:

- (1) From God.
- (2) Not made with hands.
- (3) It is eternal.

Our natural body at best crumbles to dust in about three score and ten years, but the resurrection body shall abide forever.

(4) It is to be "in the heavens."

2. He earnestly longed for the change (vv. 2-4). The human personality instinctively shrinks from a state of disembodiment, but the intelligent Christian earnestly longs for the exchange of the natural body for the spiritual. We long to put off the perishable and take on the imperishable.

3. This plan was wrought by God (v. 5).

God did not fashion the body for death, but for life. God is not the God of the dead but of the living.

4. Believers should be of good courage (vv. 6-8).

While we live in this body we are absent from the Lord, but because of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, we confidently walk by faith, being more anxious to be absent from the body and present with the Lord.

5. The believer's chief concern in this life should be to please the Lord (vv. 9, 10).

Nothing matters—health, sickness, strength, weakness, fame or obscurity, friends or loneliness—provided at the end of the journey we hear the Lord's "well done, good and faithful servant."

III. Glorified With the Lord (I Jno. 2:2, 3).

We are now God's children, but the change which awaits the resurrection has not come yet. When it comes it will reveal our wonderful future. When the Son of God shall be manifest we shall be like Him in glory. When Christ shall come again the saints shall share His glory. This glorious hope will transform the life. The one who has it will keep himself pure even as He is pure.

Overcoming Temptation

Every time we allow a temptation to overcome us we are weaker. Every time we overcome a temptation we are stronger.—Living Messages.

Should Not Serve Sin

That henceforth we should not serve sin. There is no necessity to have even a single evil thought.—Ibid.

The Peace of God

The peace of God will be in us when we are trying circumstances.—Ibid.

BAPTIST REVIVAL GROWING IN INTEREST AND IN ZEAL

Rev. C. J. Black Forceful Preacher—Presentation of Subject of Second Coming of Christ Considered a Masterpiece

Rev. C. J. Black, residing Rev. Wallace Hartzell in the great revival being conducted at the Brevard Baptist church, is preaching powerful sermons, broad-full of the old time religion. All last week, and this week, Mr. Black preached twice daily—at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Large crowds are attending the meetings and much interest is being shown in the campaign.

Last Sunday evening the Methodist church dispensed with their services, and attended the Baptist revival, several of the Methodists taking part in the program in song and prayer.

At the Sunday evening services Rev. Mr. Black preached on "The Second Coming of Christ." It was a masterpiece of presentation of this question which has engaged the best thought of the world ever since the disciples asked Him in person when He would return, and how they would know of His coming. The preacher regretted the fact that people of this age are so seemingly indifferent to this great event that is already casting its shadow upon the wall.

Christ is coming again, Rev. Black asserted with all the force of his energetic nature. This fact is clearly borne out in many places of the Bible, the preacher said. As to the manner of His coming there are many theories, yet the Bible tells plainly of the great event. His coming will be miraculous, just as His first coming was miraculous. It will be personal, and will be visible more than this, the second coming will be the last.

Christ is coming again, because He said he was coming. It is necessary that He come again into the world, first to fulfill the prophecies; second to set the world back on its basis, and make of it the place of perfection that was created in the beginning. Third, to judge and reward His servants.

Signs of His coming again that were mentioned by Him and in the various prophecies of the Book, are many. He said, and the prophecies said, there would be physical signs, such as earthquakes throughout the world. Then there are to be political signs, with nation arrayed against nation in warfare, with peace among nations almost unknown. And there were to be intellectual signs, with mockers and jeerers and scoffers. Intellectually should take the place of Christianity, in the last days preceding the coming of the Master. Commercial signs, too, were to enter into the days of His coming, when business would not know what to do nor how to invest, plan or execute.

Last in the list of the signs of the coming of Christ is religious signs. When laws should be disregarded, when the manner of living was so discouraging that Christians lost faith and ministers lost power.

Mr. Black then asked his hearers if they recognized any of these signs today. He wanted to know if it means anything to the Christian that Christ has been dethroned in the community, in the home and in the church.

Return of the Jews to Palestine, in keeping with the prophecies, was offered by Mr. Black as the dual argument that people should be ready for this coming. The building of a great university at Palestine means much to the Bible student, Mr. Black said. The purchase of the Euphrates Valley by the Rothschilds should mean a lot to those who know the Bible and its prophecies.

The big question presented by Mr. Black was preparedness for His coming. He deplored the fact that people go on from day to day, pushing their business and pursuing their pleasure, with never a thought for the coming of Christ.

It was a powerful presentation of a most powerful subject, and the intense earnestness of the preacher added much to the force of his message.

B. I. SENIORS HOLD CHAPEL EXERCISES

Boys of the senior class of Brevard Institute had charge of chapel exercises Saturday morning and presented an interesting program. After the devotional exercises the following program was rendered:

Dialogue, Ansel Fowler and Roy Cash; songs by the senior boys, "Ivory Soap" and "I Had Rather Have Fingers Than Toes"; reading, "Johnnie Reads the Newspaper" by Albert Johnson; jokes by Pinkney Deyton and Ralph Huls; reading, "How Girls Fish" by Ivey Elliott; prophecy of the junior class by William Stubbs; declamation by Ansel Fowler on "Our Mothers"; song by the boys, "Our Juniors."

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