

**International Sunday School Lesson for FEBRUARY 23, 1966**

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**CHRISTIAN FORGIVENESS**

Memory Selection: "Be kind to one another, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." — (Ephesians 4:32).

LESSON TEXT: Matthew 17 through 18.

Today the text of our lesson dwells on the virtue of forgiveness — perhaps the most commonly flouted of all the virtues by mankind as a whole . . . only because the opportunity to practice forbearance and forgiveness of wrongs done to us to presents itself to us almost daily as we pursue our daily lives, and, being human, we are not always as strong in our Christian faith as we would oftentimes like to believe we are!

If we but reflect for a moment, we will have to admit that there are few teachings of Jesus that are more disturbing than what he had to say on the subject of forgiveness! For, while we draw comfort from HIS forgiveness, it, in turn, puts an obligation on our shoulders to dispense its bounty to others as freely as it was dispensed to us.

The parable of the kindly ruler and the debtor slave illustrates this principle for us very vividly! And — so does Jesus' discourse with the Disciple Peter upon this subject.

For Peter (how human he was!) put a limit on forgiveness, and even then thought that he was being very generous, when he asked the Lord Jesus if he should forgive his brother seven times. Jesus replied: "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven."

Even then, Jesus did not intend that a numerical limit be set on forgiveness of a fellow man; he showed very clearly that forgiveness was to be practiced even to infinity. He was asking no more of mankind than he offered humanity. Therein lies the glory of the gift — and the ob-

literation! Forgiveness taught Jesus, was to be arrived at through effort. It was not to be attempted just once; it was to be a continuous effort. And it was not to be a docile act. The one who had been sinned against was not to sit idly by and wait to be approached by the offender, trying to make restitution. He was to go to the one who had sinned against him, bring the matter out into the open, and try to restore a brotherly relationship; should that fail, he was to take along mediators, who could make an unbiased appraisal of the situation and attempt a reconciliation; and should that fail, then the matter was to be taken to the church. Humility was the first step towards attaining a state of Grace; it would be exemplified in the approach of the one sinned against to the one sinning against him. Fertile ground; therefore, for the seeds of true forgiveness blossoming from a loving and concerned heart!

For true forgiveness comes from the heart; it knows not the bounds of I'll forgive you — but I won't forget!" attitude. And while it cannot be denied that forgiveness limited by the boundaries of remembrance of past hurts is a very human act, it must also be admitted that it is a very destructive thing. It hurts most the one who harbors it. True forgiveness, on the other hand, benefits the forgiving one, as well as the person forgiven. For he has taken one more faltering step towards Sonship with God? So what if it was not done too spontaneously, and without too much inner conflict? God will not hold that against us. On the contrary, the gift that we thus give him will mean all the more in His eyes.

And in our own humble way we will have grown into a little stronger, better person than we were before. Someone just a little more worthy of the supreme sacrifice made on the Cross that we might be forgiven our sins and be considered worthy of a state of Grace.

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**Rev. W. F. Ferguson, Retired Baptist Minister, Dies**

The Rev. W. Forrest Ferguson, 84, retired Baptist minister, died Thursday, February 18, 1966 in a Haywood County hospital after a brief illness. For the past six months he had made his home with a son, L. O. Ferguson Sr., of Rt. 1.

Mr. Ferguson was a lifelong resident of Haywood County, a son of the late Thomas M. and Barbara West Ferguson. He had served churches throughout Haywood and Madison counties, and was pastor of Crabtree Baptist Church for 16 years.

Surviving beside the son are the widow, Mrs. Ada Kilpatrick Ferguson; a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Jarvis of Asheville; two sisters, Mrs. George Few of Greer, S. C., and Mrs. Carter Russell of Candler; a brother, Millard H. Ferguson of Clyde Rt. 3; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 2 p. m., Saturday at Crabtree Baptist Church.

The Rev. Manuel Wyatt, the Rev. Jarvis Teague and the Rev. Luther McPherson officiated and burial was in Dawn Memory Gardens.

**SILENCE**

Two fish were swimming along together in the river when the little fish asked the much larger fish, "How did you manage to grow so big?"

"My friend," he replied, "when I was about your size I learned to keep my mouth shut, so here I am."

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**Schedule of Home Demonstration Clubs in County**

Wednesday, March 3 — Sleepy Valley HD Club will meet at the Salvation Army Center at 2 p. m.

**MARS HILL**

MRS. J. W. HUFF, Correspondent

Visitors here last week-end to Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Morgan were: their daughter, Mrs. Jack Peoples and daughter, Debbie, of Winston-Salem; also their sons and wives, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Morgan and two sons, of Portland, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerald Fishburn, of Asheville; and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe T. Morgan, of Johnson City, Tenn. Mr. Joe Morgan, of the home, librarian of the Mars Hill High School, was recuperating last week from injuries sustained in a fall the previous week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edwards left Sunday for a few weeks stay in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edwards took them down.

Mrs. Lelia Hodge spent last week-end in Rutherfordton visiting relatives. Miss Euzelia Smart, of Chapel Hill visited her aunts, Miss Hattie Edwards and Mrs. Hodge, here the previous week-end.

Mrs. Luther Jarvis and children of Gastonia, have been here since last Thursday night. Dr. Luther Jarvis came also that night because of his mother's illness but was able to return home next day. He was here again Saturday night and Sunday. His mother, Mrs. O. M. Jarvis, has been a patient at St. Joseph's Hospital since last Thursday night, but expects to come home in another day or two.

Mrs. W. T. Bradley is a patient also at St. Joseph's Hospital. She is recuperating from injuries she sustained in a fall in her home last Thursday night and is thought to be getting along all right.

Mrs. Lelia Sams was admitted to Aston Park Hospital last Friday for treatment for a heart attack.

Mr. John Smith, who has been a patient at St. Joseph's for more than a month is still very ill.

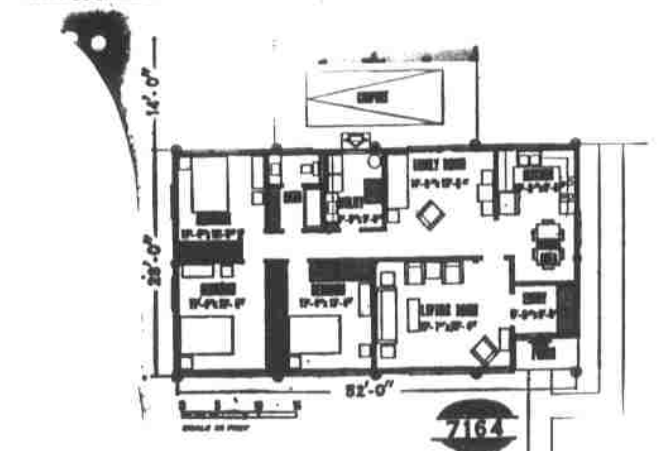
There is a great deal of sickness in the community—colds and influenza, and measles with the younger school group.

Mrs. R. J. Buckner, of Regina, Sask., Canada, who came down just before Christmas for a few months visit here with her son, Jon Buckner, at Saks, and other relatives in this section, spent last week here with her sister, Mrs. Myrtle Robinson, and Mrs. Delitha Phillips, sister of the late Mr. Buckner.

**SCHEDULE — DIAL, 1460 DAILY W.M.M.H. PROGRAM**

| Monday                            |  | Saturday                      |  |
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| 6:29—Sign on the Air              | 7:55—Sammy Bland Backing News (Mon. - Wed. - Fri.) | 12:40—Weather                 |  |
| 6:30—Service Show                 | 8:00—News  | 12:45—Chuck Wagon Gass        |  |
| 6:45—Breakfast Time Country Style | 8:05—Music for a Happy Day                         | 1:00—Farm Forum               |  |
| 6:00—News                         | 8:45—Morning Devotions                             | 1:05—Obituary Column          |  |
| 6:05—Breakfast Time Country Style | 9:00—Soul Winning Gospel Hour                      | 1:10—Country Music Jamboree   |  |
| 6:20—News Headlines               | 9:45—Gospel Singtime                               | 2:00—News                     |  |
| 6:30—Breakfast Time Country Style | 10:00—News   | 2:05—Country Music Jamboree   |  |
| 7:00—Morning News                 | 10:05—Gospel Sing Time                             | 3:00—News                     |  |
| 7:10—Weather                      | 11:00—Good News Gospel Broadcast                   | 3:05—Country Music Jamboree   |  |
| 7:15—Joe Emerson                  | 11:00—Gospel Sing Time                             | 4:00—News                     |  |
| 7:20—Sports News                  | 11:45—(Wed. & Sat.) — Church of Christ Broadcast   | 4:05—1460 Club                |  |
| 7:25—Breakfast Time Country Style | 12:00—Trading Post                                 | 4:20—News Headlines           |  |
| 7:29—News Headlines               | 12:10—Dinner Time Country Style                    | 5:00—News                     |  |
| 7:30—Breakfast Time Country Style | 12:20—News and Bulletin Board                      | 5:15—Service Show             |  |
|                                   |  | 5:30—Sunset Serenade          |  |
|                                   |  | 6:15 Sign Off (Month of Feb.) |  |

**3-BEDROOM HOUSE**



**U.S.A. House Plan Features Plenty Of Storage Space**

Ample closet and storage space are featured in this house. The front door is protected by a small porch and opens into an entry which contains two good-sized closets for coats and other storage.

The back door opens from the covered carport into the utility room, where there is space for a sink, washer and dryer, the water heater, and a closet for outdoor clothing.

In the bathroom, the tub is separated from the lavatory and toilet space. There are shelves for bath linens and supplies. Closets for bed linens and cleaning equipment are located in the corridor near the bedrooms. There are big closets in each bedroom.

Even the carport has large storage space for garden and outdoor equipment.

The U-shaped and the dining room area are located conveniently next to the family room, so that the homemaker can keep an eye on young children while she works. The living room also adjoins.

You can build this house of local native lumber, both for framing and panelling. The one exception is the use of exterior-grade plywood on parts of the exterior for the sake of appearance.

When you build this house, you could complete the frame and roof, then place the panels after you have partially assembled them on the ground.

Complete working drawings for Plan No. 7164 may be obtained from your county agricultural agent or by writing the extension agricultural engineer at North Carolina State, Raleigh.

**John English, 67, County Native; Passes Tuesday**

John English, 67, of Rt. 2 Hendersonville, died in a Henderson County hospital Tuesday, February 23, 1966 after a brief illness.

He was a native of Madison County, and a retired foreman with the State Highway Department. He was a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church, and a son of the late John and Mattie Stallings English.

Surviving are the widow, Alda Lee Norton English; a brother, Fred English of Cumberland, Va.; and several nieces and nephews. Services were held at 2 p. m., Thursday in Ebenezer Baptist Church.

**Eight County Students On MH College Dean's List**

Eight students from Madison County are among the 61 persons who achieved the dean's academic honor roll at Mars Hill College during the fall-winter semester.

These include Mrs. Elizabeth Deans, wife of the minister of the Presbyterian Church in Marshall, and Peggy Plemmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Plemmons of Rt. 3, Marshall.

The other six are Mars Hillians. They are Eric Blackwell, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hoyt Blackwell; Mrs. Janette Robinson Buckner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Robinson of Rt. 2; Nancy Kendall, whose father, M. H. Kendall, is a member of the college faculty; Mrs. Virginia Freeman Radford, wife of Donald Radford of Rt. 1; and Ruth Delene and Sarah Beth Richardson, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Richardson, members of the college staff.

The honor list represents the top three and a half per cent of the student body enrollment of 1324. It includes 37 women and 24 men, 30 of whom are from Western North Carolina.

A breakdown reveals 16 freshmen, 12 sophomores, 18 juniors and 15 seniors earned sufficient grades (better than a B plus average) during the first term to win a place on the coveted list.

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Charlotte — No one is really expecting another upset like the 1964 Southern Conference Tournament dealt its unsuspecting audience. But the Davidson Wildcats will again go into the tourney undisputed front runner, this Thursday, and try to come out that way at the end of the seven-game series, which ends on Saturday.

WBT Radio, both AM and FM, will be carrying each Southern Conference battle, beginning with the first tip-off at 2 p. m., Thursday afternoon.

Other Thursday games will be at 4, 7 and 9 p. m.

Friday's games will take place at 7 and 9 p. m., to determine the two top teams.

And Saturday night's championship battle will be the fight to the finish for the team to move up to the Eastern Regionals in mid-March.

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