



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS - (l to r) Don Williamson, president; Kathy Sanders, secretary; Jeannie Quick, treasurer; Kenny Davis, vice president.



Read Acts 1:1-8

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you; and you will bear witness for me in Jerusalem, and all over Judea and Samaria, and away to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8, NEB) Christmas is God with us. Good Friday is God for us. Pentecost is God in us. The omnipotent God sent His power on the first Pentecost to men of clay. As a result, the obscure, weak, faltering disciples became moral and spiritual leaders.

My friend Dan Poling once told about his last chat with his son Clark before Clark's tragic death. Clark Poling was one of the four chaplains on the battleship *Dorchester* that was sunk during World War II. Clark said, "Dad, remember me as I return to my post of duty."

Dr. Poling replied, "Son, I will pray every day that God will bring you back home without a scratch."

Clark answered, "Dad, please don't pray that way. I want you to pray that I will be adequate for any situation."

When the test came, Clark, along with three other chaplains gave his lifebelt to an enlisted man and went down with the ship.

PRAYER: Lord, make me adequate for anything today. Send the Holy Spirit to me so that I may be an effective witness for You. In Jesus' spirit I pray. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Christ's will is that all His disciples prove adequate.

-Harold Dutt (Ohio Copyright-THE UPPER ROOM)

# Sunday School Lesson

Pope Pius XII was once quoted as saying, "Spiritually, we are all Semites." The Semites, of course, are one of the great divisions of races and languages to which Hebrew, Phoenician, and Arabic belong. The Pope was thus indicating that Christians are spiritually akin to the Jews. There is a family relationship between us.

Yet, it is a relationship that is not often recognized by Christians. We tend to forget that Christ himself was a Jew, that the Church began among the Jews, and that the early Christians, even those who were Gentiles, regarded Christianity as the true successor to the Hebrew faith. They believed that the promise made to the Israelites was theirs by inheritance. They regarded themselves as the New Israel. The New Covenant of Jesus Christ was the natural development of the Old Covenant which had been made with the patriarchs and passed on to each succeeding generation.

The early Church thus saw no break between the Hebrew faith and the gospel of Jesus Christ. There was a continuity between the old Israel and the new. The scriptures were seen as a unified testimony to the creative and redemptive purpose of God. Though the Bible consisted of many divergent bits and pieces, they saw the message as a single story, one central theme.

That does not mean that the early Church thought that there were no changes between the faith of the early Israelites and their own gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus himself had said:

"You have heard that it was said to the men of old... But I say to you... Yet he did not see this as the denial of the Hebrew faith. "Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them" (Matthew 5:17).

We may have difficulty in seeing any sense of unity in the Bible. We may be confused by the great variety of types of literature, by the changing political, social, and religious scenes in its pages, in the diverse concepts of the nature and activity in God, in the obviously different points of view, and the almost innumerable paradoxes and ironies. We may wonder how anyone can ever put all that together with any sense of unity or continuity.

Yet, through all this diversity we find certain ideas or themes that hold together all the many parts and pieces. Over and over again throughout the Bible's pages we find the concepts of creation and redemption. It is a story that finds its beginnings, as Deuteronomy 26 puts it, in Abraham, "a wandering Aramean," to whom the promise and covenant were given. It is a story closely tied to the history of the people whom God freed from captivity in Egypt so that his redemptive and creative purposes might be furthered.

Jesus looked back to this ancient event and saw in it the roots of his own mission: "And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself" (Luke 24:27). Though the new wine of his gospel often threatened to burst the old wineskins of Judaism, still Jesus set forth his way, not as an alternative to Judaism, but as the highest development of the Hebrew faith.

No less did the early Church acknowledge this continuity. In his sermon at Antioch of

Pisidia, Paul linked the Gospel to the covenantal story, concluding: "Of this man's (David's) posterity God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus, as he promised" (Acts 13:23).

Creation and redemption: these are the unifying themes we encounter in the beginning of the Bible, the threads that run through it, the divine purposes that find their fulfillment in Christ.

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## Stonewall Report

By Mrs. Harold Chason

The Vacation Bible School will begin at Ephesus Baptist Church June 9 from 6 p. m. until 9 p. m. Monday through Friday. The picnic will be Sunday June 15 at 6:30 p. m. Commencement exercises will be at 7:30 p. m.

The WMU of Ephesus Baptist Church met on Monday night at the home of Mrs. Luther Jackson. Mrs. Marty Jackson gave the program on "Ministering in Korea". Refreshments of cookies, pimento cheese, crackers, nuts and Cokes were served.

The Vacation Bible School at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church will begin June 9th at 8:30 a. m. Registration Monday a. m. Tuesday through Friday 9 a. m. The picnic will be held Friday at 7:30 p. m., after which the Commencement exercise will be held.

The Rev. P. O. Lee preached his last sermon at Sandy Grove United Methodist Church as pastor Sunday June 1. This year is the Rev. Lee's forty fourth year in the ministry. This is the fifth time for the Rev. Mr. Lee to retire. All members and friends wish for Mr. and Mrs. Lee lots of happiness and many more good years.

Michelle Renee Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shelton of Goldsboro was christened at the Sunday morning service by the Rev. P. O. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Orem were new members welcomed in the church at the morning service.

Li. Lamont Davis spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis. Lamont is now stationed at Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Bessie McMillan and daughter Mable, Mrs. Hazel Worrell, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McGougan Sunday.

Mrs. E. G. Wickline is improving after being ill for three weeks. Mrs. Marnie Linderberger and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown Maxwell of Charlotte were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wickline on Saturday.

Mrs. Dave Hendrix spent Monday in Lumberton with her daughter, Mrs. T.H. Brock. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayes and children of Hartesville spent the weekend with Mr.

and Mrs. Woodrow Hayes.

A large number in the community attended the wedding of Steve Phillips and Susan Howard at Antioch Presbyterian Church Sunday June 1. Some of the out of town guests attending were Mrs. J. P. Phillips parental grandmother of Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Phillips and son of Smoaks, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jones, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jones and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Jones and children, Mrs. Jean Norton and Mrs. Elizabeth McCall of Clo. After returning from their honeymoon at Sea Island, Georgia, they will be at home on Magnolia St. in Raeford.

Mrs. Howard Andrews and children Donna, Gary and Lynn of Goldsboro spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Boyles. Donna remained to spend the week with her grandparents.

Mrs. Percy Brewer and daughter Barbara and Mrs. Lillian Pearce went to Wilmington on Monday to accompany Mrs. Meethie Hutchison home after visiting several days.

The Senior MYF group met at the Sandy Grove Hut on Sunday p. m. with several members present with Mrs. Ciellan McKenzie and Mrs. Amos Grant. Glenda McKenzie gave the program on a "Sunday School Dropout".

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Orem spent Sunday afternoon at White Lake.

Mrs. O. B. Maxwell Sr. spent two days in Raleigh last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Maxwell Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Brady Buie and son Bart.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Butler visited Mrs. Maggie West at the Cape Fear Valley Nursing Home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James Jones of Sanford and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rushin of Red Springs were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Parks and daughter Jamie, attended the graduation exercise of their son - in - law John Angel at East Carolina University in Greenville on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Angel received a B. S. degree in Art.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Eckhart and daughter Patricia, of Cramerton spent Tuesday p. m. with Mrs. O. B. Maxwell Sr.

Mrs. Frances Bradshaw and daughter Connie, of Rocky Mount are spending several days with Mrs. Bradshaw's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Williamson.

Miss Linda Parks of Durham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Walker.

Miss Ann Black has accepted a position with the Bank of Raeford.

The WSCS of Sandy Grove Methodist Church met at the Hut Monday night with 10 members present. Mrs. Harold J. Chason gave the program on "The Works Of A Missionary". Hostesses were Mrs. Walter Parks and Mrs. Percy Brewer. Refreshments were cookies, pimento cheese crackers and Cokes.

### SHOWER FETES

Mrs. Wendell Quick, Mrs. John D. Black and Mrs. Hazel Black were hostesses for a shower Thursday night at the Sandy Grove Hut for Miss Mary Coleman a July bride-elect.

## Sandhills College Receives Gift

Sandhills Community College has received a gift of \$4,000 from the J. P. Stevens Foundation to be used for scholarships and the student work-study program during the coming year.

The grant was presented to Dr. Raymond A. Stone, Sandhills College president at a luncheon at the Country Club of North Carolina hosted by executives of the Gulistan Carpet Division, J. P. Stevens & Company, Inc., of Aberdeen.

In accepting the check from James R. Brown, division controller, Dr. Stone noted that this is the fourth gift to the college from the J. P. Stevens Foundation, and that the money totaled \$16,000 which has enabled Sandhills College to have Federal assistance making \$110,000 available for the student work-study program. "We are extremely grateful for the generous grants providing financial support to a program which helps students help themselves by working on campus while continuing their education at Sandhills."

Congratulations to all the Hoke High graduates in Stonewall. Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Tomlin attended the 8th grade graduation exercise at Euphoric School on Tuesday a. m. June 2. Sherwood Tomlin was one of the graduates.

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## Cub Scout News

Cub Scouts of Den 2, their Den Mothers, Mrs. Mary Upchurch and Mrs. Joan Balfour, had a cook-out at Fred Holland's pond last Friday.

Cubs of Dens 1 and 3, their Den Mothers, Mrs. Anne Smith, Mrs. Hester Davis, Mrs. Peggy Pope and Mrs. Joyce Weldon, had a cook-out at Peddler's Parlor, Monday. Special guests were Den Dads, Bill Smith and Joe Davis, The Rev. C. A. Cooper, Jr. Cory and Patty Cooper.

These outings conclude regular meetings until Fall.

The regular monthly Pack Meeting scheduled for June 6 at Hosteler's pond has been postponed until June 11. At this time, awards and further summer participation will be discussed.