

# CHURCHES --- THEIR ROLE IN CARTERET COUNTY

## Between a Rock and a Hard Place

STUDY FOR DECEMBER 4, 1949

By Wm. Southern, Jr.

Jeremiah was always between a rock and a hard place. He felt he had explicit directions from God to denounce the administration of his beloved Judah and, although he knew it was a dangerous thing to do he went at the job and did it adequately. So adequately did he do the job that he was arrested, thrown into jail, tortured and told that he was no prophet, but a traitor to the country. The nationalist spirit was prevailing in Palestine and it was the general belief that the Jews were the chosen people of God and that He would not permit, by miracle or otherwise, His people to be defeated and His city to be destroyed.

Jeremiah saw Babylon on one side and Egypt on the other, and reasoned that little Judah did not have a chance. But he always insisted that Jerusalem would again be the home of the faithful and that the temple service and belief in God would return to a repentant people.

There is one incident recorded which illustrates what I am trying to say. King Ahab once wanted to fight. He was mad but at the same time cautious and asked his prophets, there were 400 of them, whether if he went into the fight he would win. They told him he would, to go ahead and win. But King Ahab had heard of a prophet named Micaiah, a man he did not like but had a lot of respect for him and so he called him in. Micaiah knew the score and did not want to tell the king he would not only lose the fight but be killed, but under pressure he did tell him. And so it turned out. And thus one prophet discredited the 400.

Those in power like to be told that they are right and the one who tells them the bitter truth is liable to suffer for it. Men in high places are by human nature the same and these ancient stories of an ancient people present human nature as it was then, has been ever since and always will be. Those who stand near the thrones of greatness today do not contradict the mighty ones. They know that place and power do not come to those who differ too strongly with the one who holds that power. So there are false prophets near the thrones of today who tell the powerful ones what they want to hear and never by any stress contradict or disagree.

In this country a free press is free only when it does not fall into the category of false prophets. I think most of the editors of this day respect and guard the right to say what they believe, but there are always some who belong in the list of false prophets. They may believe what they say and if they do they have a right to say it. But if the commentator deliberately prints what he knows to be untrue he at once becomes the worst enemy of the free press, much more dangerous than the one who makes no claim except expediency.

The false prophet is often the most popular. The doctor may tell a patient to undergo that serious operation, take bitter and unpleasant medicine. Perhaps the doctor may even tell the patient to diet, eat things he does not like, not to eat things he does like. Most of us think that when a diet is mentioned it is always to not eat the things we like best. Then the good cook tries to tempt the appetite, offers delicious foods, drink this and eat this. Which one of these is the most popular?

Thus it happens in politics and

policies. Those who promise Utopia, that everybody shall be rich, that there is to be no more pain, and sickness will be abolished are always more popular than those who insist on certain principles of action which we do not like to take.

In a republic like ours this kind of a thing might happen because men and women are selfish and everybody wants to have a good life at as little inconvenience as possible. We have learned to shun the patent medicine which promises a cure for every ill the body heers. Our common sense tells us that such a medicine has never yet been discovered.

The false prophets of the world in Jeremiah's day, and in our day too, always have a following.

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**LESSON TEXT—Jer. 23:16-21-32.**

(16) Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord. (21) I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. (22) But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. (23) Am I a God afar off? (24) Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord. (25) I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. (26) How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; (27) Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal. (28) The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the Lord. (29) Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? (30) Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. (31) Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their tongues, and say, He saith. (32) Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the Lord, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lives, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the Lord.

**UNCLE JED SAYS . . .**

Listen, Folks! A new man makes everything new, and an old man makes everything old. Isn't that true? Are you old or new? I'm not talking about age, but about spirit. If you are a real Christian you're new, and you make everything around you seem better.

Don't you know people who make you feel mighty good every time you're around them? I do. But I know some people, too, who make me feel mighty bad nearly every time I'm around them. I'll bet life is mighty sour to them, too. If we want life to be new and interesting to us, then we'll have to get new inside first.

We need millions of "new" people today in our world, and then it would be a happy old world. Let's be new ourselves first, Folks, then help our neighbors become new.

Yours,  
Jed

**Church to Sell Barbecue**

Barbecue will be sold today and tomorrow at the Church of God parsonage, 207 S. 12th St. Proceeds will go to the church.

**Bazaar Tomorrow**

The First Christian church will hold a bazaar tomorrow in downtown Morehead City.

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## THE LITTLE COUNTRY CHURCH

The rural church of today is keenly conscious of the health of its people. Years ago the country people regarded their health in almost the same way as did their forefathers. Today they have all kinds of aids in keeping up with the advancements in health protection that modern science has made possible. Radios, newspapers, farm magazines and other agencies have kept the modern countryman abreast of present day health measures.

Notwithstanding these facts, there is a great need for doctors in the rural sections of our nation. Most doctors of today feel that they must practice medicine in the city where they can be near a hospital. But there is great need for thousands of country doctors today. Many rural people live thirty or more miles from a doctor, and fifty and a hundred or more miles from a hospital.

In a recent survey it was found that scores of counties had only an average of 59 doctors per 100,000 population. In 1943 there were 81 counties with no doctor at all, and 161 others with less than 20 doctors per 100,000 population.

The Virginia Conference of the Methodist Church has made a praiseworthy beginning relative to these conditions, by encouraging young men to return from medical school to the rural areas. It is offering each year a \$1,000 scholarship to a medical school for use by any young man who will promise to become a country doctor.

Imagine the results when ministers and doctors team together for the total welfare of rural communities.

Rev. H. I. Harrell  
Street Preaching Charge

**FRANKLIN MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
Morehead City  
W. D. Caviness, Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Holy Communion  
7:30 p.m. - Evening Worship. Sermon, "Our Confusion About God" by Mr. Caviness. New members will be received into the church.  
Monday, Dec. 5  
7:00 p.m. - Intermediate MYF  
Wednesday, Dec. 7  
7:00 p.m. - Choir practice  
Thursday, Dec. 8  
7:30 p.m. - Bible study

**CAMP GLENN METHODIST CHURCH**  
W. D. Caviness, Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Sermon by the pastor  
7:00 p.m. - MYF  
Wednesday, Dec. 7  
7:00 p.m. - WSCS

**SALTER PATH METHODIST CHURCH**  
Louie Lewis, Acting Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Sermon by Louie Lewis

**BROAD CREEK METHODIST CHURCH**  
Louie Lewis, Acting Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Evening Worship. Sermon by Louie Lewis  
Tuesday, Dec. 6  
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
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7:30 p.m. - Prayer meeting

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Sunday, Dec. 4  
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**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Beaufort  
W. L. Martin, Rector  
8:00 a.m. - Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School and Junior church  
11:00 a.m. - Holy Communion and sermon  
7:00 p.m. - Y.M.C.A. at the parish house  
Monday, Dec. 5  
8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's chapter, Weldon  
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8:00 p.m. - St. Ann's Women's Auxiliary at Weldon  
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Thursday, Dec. 8  
8:15 p.m. - Communion  
Friday, Dec. 9  
8:00 p.m. - The Litany

**VERE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Morehead City  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. - Youth Fellowship  
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**NEWPORT CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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Our Faith in Christ

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

"In him who strengthens me I am able for anything." Philippians 4:13. (Moffatt.) (Read Philippians 4:4-13.)

Professor Rufus Jones once told of a young friend who went to his doctor for an examination. The doctor told him he had a baffling disease which would destroy not only his sight and hearing but might also destroy his memory. The young man left the doctor's office feeling that the death sentence had been pronounced upon him. Then he prayed! As he prayed, it seemed to him that he was enveloped by God's pervading love. There came a sense of unutterable peace and the sure confidence that God would give him the power to meet whatever might come. Like Paul, he had been initiated into the secret of Christian faith.

Some lost in your living may wait you today. It may be a minor test requiring patience, understanding, the readiness to help another. Or it may be a major test, illness descending like an avalanche, or the tragic passing of a loved one. You, too, may be initiated into the secret of trusting Christ. You, too, may be able to say, "In him who strengthens me I am able for anything."

**PRAYER**

Eternal Christ, enter, we pray Thee, into our lives, that we may have victory over every hard thing. Teach us the secret of trust, that we may have all joy in believing. In Thy holy name we pray, Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

Christ is with those who trust Him in all the storms of life.  
Lloyd E. Foster (New Jersey)

**Fannie Finch Bunn Circle Meets With Mrs. Beck**

The Fannie Finch Bunn circle of the First Baptist Church met recently with Mrs. Warren Beck on Bridges street. There were 19 present.

Following a brief business meeting presided over by Mrs. John H. Bunn, Mrs. J. O. Fussell took charge of the program, Christ In Moslem Lands. She was assisted by Mrs. Ralph Wade and Dr. Bunn. During the social hour the group sang Christmas carols.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. E. W. Roelofs, served home-made cake and cookies, nuts and cokes.

**Young Adult Youth Group to Meet Tuesday**

The sub-district meeting of the Young Adult Fellowship will meet at Franklin Memorial Methodist church of Morehead City Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Thomas McGinnis, the county welfare officer, will be the principal speaker. Plans for a Christmas party are under way. This meeting takes in all young adult Methodists in the county under the age of 35. Each one attending is asked to bring a present (about 25 cents) and an article for the White Christmas. The boys are to bring a present for a boy and the girls bring a present for a girl.



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## CHURCH SERVICES

(Announcements of Sunday and weekday church services must be in THE NEWS-TIMES office, either in Beaufort or Morehead City, by NOON WEDNESDAY.—The Editor)

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Morehead City  
Dr. John H. Bunn, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Ordination of Deacons. A message to deacons by the Rev. R. T. Willis, Jr.  
6:30 p.m. - Training Union  
7:30 p.m. - Evening Worship. Young People will present missionary program beginning Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Women of the Missionary Society will meet every evening through Thursday and an all-day meeting Friday.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Beaufort  
Winifrey Davis, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship. Sermon subject, "Christian Growth"  
6:30 p.m. - Baptist Training Union  
7:30 p.m. - Worship, Church conference.

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**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Beaufort  
W. E. Anderson, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:30 p.m. - Young People's League  
Wednesday, Dec. 7  
7:30 p.m. - Mid-week prayer service

**PELLETIER COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
J. B. Webb, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Preaching  
7:30 p.m. - Preaching

**PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH**  
R. L. Lawrence, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Preaching  
6:30 p.m. - W.P.S.  
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic service  
Thursday, Dec. 8  
7:30 p.m. - Prayer meeting

## Balaam

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 7th of a series of studies from the Old Testament. The text is condensed from selections by Houston Hartie for the new book, "In Our Image." Illustration by Guy Rowe, also from the book.

And the children of Israel pitched in the plains of Moab. And Balaam king of the Moabites sent messengers unto Balaam to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: they cover the face of the earth, and abide

The campaign was under the auspices of the War Relief Service—National Catholic Welfare conference, with national headquarters in New York City.

**SAINT EUGENE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Morehead City  
Father Elmer J. Landser, T. O. R., Pastor  
Father Clement J. White, T. O. R., Assistant Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
8:45 a.m. - Confessions  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Mass, Sermon.  
10:45 a.m. - Confessions  
11:00 a.m. - Holy Mass, Sermon, Benediction  
12:30 p.m. - Radio Program - WMEL  
Monday, Dec. 5  
7:30 a.m. - Confessions  
7:45 a.m. - Holy Mass  
8:45 a.m. - Children's Instructions  
7:30 p.m. - Miraculous Medal Novena, Havoclock

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Stacy  
J. R. Davidson, Pastor  
Saturday, Dec. 3  
7:00 p.m. - Preaching  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Free Will Baptist League  
7:00 p.m. - Preaching  
Wednesday, Dec. 7  
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sea Level  
J. R. Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
2:00 p.m. - Sunday School

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Davis  
J. B. Davidson, Pastor  
Sunday, Dec. 4  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. - Free Will Baptist league  
Thursday, Dec. 8  
7:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting

every man against me: Come now therefore, curse this people: that I may bring them out of the land: for I have said that he whom thou blessest I will curse, and he whom thou cursest I will bless.

And Balaam said unto them, Curse me this night, and I will bring your word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me. And God came unto Balaam and said, Thou shalt not curse, thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed. And Balaam rose in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. And they went unto Balak.

And Balaam sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable, and said, Thus saith Balak, I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest, come, I pray thee, curse me this people. And Balaam said unto the servants of Balak: Tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say. And God came unto Balaam and said, Go with them; but yet the word which I

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