

**TODAY'S meditation**

**The Upper Room**  
THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

"If I be lifted up..."  
FRIDAY, APRIL 11 (Good Friday)  
He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities;... with his stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5.) Read Isaiah 53:1-9 or Mark 15:1-15.

It was not a mere accident that Christ was put on the cross. This was part of God's plan of redemption. Barabbas was released. Christ was crucified instead of Barabbas. Christ, the Lamb of God, here proved His work and purpose to release sinners. Although unworthy of death, Jesus died for all of us to save us from our sins.

On the very day that He was lifted up to die upon the cross, Jesus began to draw people to Him as never before. How magnetic and marvelous His drawing power!

Here the dying thief said: "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." He sensed the situation and felt Christ's redemptive spirit and power. He knew His pardoning grace.

Since then, countless people have humbled themselves beneath the cross of Jesus and felt the saving unifying power of His spirit. Do you and I accept Christ's salvation?

**PRAYER**  
Our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the gift of Thy Son sent to earth to redeem mankind. Help us to be faithful as we now pray and renew our fellowship with Thee. In the name of Him who died to save us all. Amen.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**  
"He who honors the cross, the Holy Spirit delights to bless."  
W. G. Prout (Michigan).

News from  
**MERRIMON**

April 8—Mr. and Mrs. Gus Robinson and little son Johnnie, of Vanceboro, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stallings.

Edwin Carraway entered Morehead City hospital last Thursday for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Carraway and boys, Thomas and Ernest, of Beaufort RFD, visited Mr. and Mrs. J.

News from  
**BAY VIEW**

April 8—An Easter program will be given at Graham's Chapel church Sunday evening at 7:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whaley are the proud parents of a baby son born on Saturday. Mother and son are doing fine.

Rev. David Davis of Harkers Island will hold his regular appointment at Graham's Chapel Sunday.

We all hope that Mrs. Georgia Brown, who is a patient at St. Luke's hospital, will soon be feeling better.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williams and sons, Kelly and Joseph, visited relatives in Norfolk recently.

Rev. Woody will begin a meeting at the Bay View Baptist church Monday evening.

Rev. Reese will hold his regular appointment at the Bay View Baptist church Sunday.

We all hope that Mrs. J. C. Skinner, who is on the sick list, will soon be better.

Mrs. John Parker of Morehead City spent a while Saturday with Mrs. Robert Whaley.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Winberry of Spencer spent the weekend with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith and family and Mrs. P. D. Smith spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gifford Cannon.

Mr. Vernon Skinner and Ardell Small spent Sunday at Wilmington where they visited the azalea gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Peterson and daughter Carolyn of Havelock were visitors in the community Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Lilly and sons of Vanceboro spent a while Sunday in the community.

Several from the community attended services at the Morehead City Penecostal Holiness church last week.

to New York Friday after spending several days leave here with his family. Mrs. Gillikin took him to New Bern.

News from  
**MARSHALLBERG**

April 9.—Mrs. Eva Bailey left Tuesday for Wilmington.

Mrs. Mike Mason and children of Harlowe visited with Miss Elsie Nelson for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Harris and sons attended the Shaw-Bedsworth wedding in Weldon Saturday.

Mrs. Reuben George returned home Sunday night from Norfolk where she visited her husband at the hospital.

E. T. Piner of Wake Forest arrived home Friday for the spring holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Guthrie of Morehead City visited Mr. Tyre Moore Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Duncan and children, Rita and Jackie, of Wake Forest are here visiting her mother, Mrs. Lena Moore.

Miss Evelyn Lewis of Norfolk is here visiting Mrs. Willard Piner.

Elvin Thomas Hancock of Wake Forest has arrived home for the spring holidays.

Mr. Waddell Daniels was discharged from Morehead City hospital Sunday.

Troy Moore returned to Norfolk Monday after being home for several days' leave.

Mrs. Harvey Davis returned last

week from Brunswick, Ga., where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Triglith and Mrs. Amelia Russell of Swansboro were here for a short while Saturday.

Miss Edith Lewis, Miss Alma Davis and Mrs. Staten Moore attended the Shaw-Bedsworth wedding in Weldon Saturday.

Others who attended the wedding in Weldon were Lt. and Mrs. Donald Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Lewis, Mrs. Bertie G. Davis, Mrs. Hilda Windsor, and son Dwight, Miss Loeraine Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis, all of Baltimore, Md. They were all relatives of Mr. Bedsworth.

Capt. and Mrs. Eric Lewis and daughter, Vicki, of Rochester, N. Y., left Saturday after spending several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Lewis. Capt. Lewis returned from Japan in November after spending three years there with the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith of Corpus Christi, Texas, are here visiting Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Kathleen Gillikin.

Mrs. Ruth Nelson has returned home from Beaufort where she visited her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Fulcher.

Mrs. Charlie Piner of Morehead City visited her mother, Mrs. Betty Lewis Sunday.

Miss Annie Moore Piner was home for the weekend.

Mr. Wayland Gillikin returned

to New York Friday after spending several days leave here with his family. Mrs. Gillikin took him to New Bern.

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W. Adams and Miss Nita Carraway Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. James Robinson and children of Morehead City spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Carraway.

Mrs. Inez Pulley and son of Kinston visited Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Salter Saturday.

Mrs. Mary Olive Kirkman of North River spent Sunday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Martin.

Mr. J. C. McIntyre who has been

in Marine hospital, Norfolk, for an operation, returned home Saturday. Mr. E. S. Martin of Norfolk returned with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McIntyre and children of Rocky Mount spent the weekend at their cottage on the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Salter took Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Carraway to Morehead City Sunday afternoon to see their son Edwin who is in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carraway of

Oriental and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Emer of Havelock spent the weekend with their parents, the P. F. Carraways.

Mrs. Emily Nelson spent the week at Beaufort with her son, John Nelson.

The U. S. Marine Corps will celebrate its 177th anniversary Nov. 10, 1952.

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