

# Sunday School Lesson

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### Clean Up Projects

It appears recommendations made to the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce by a representative of the C & D Department assisting the Chamber in its search for industry, concerning a clean-up campaign for the community is being misconstrued.

The representative, in our opinion, in recommending the community improve its general appearance, as viewed by a stranger, had no intention of downgrading any established business but merely was pointing out avenues by which the town and county can proceed to enhance the beauty of the area.

Whether or not such projects will increase opportunities to secure additional industry we are not personally in position to say, but evidently the C & D Department, which studies all angles to the industry hunting program, must have excellent reasons for such proposals.

Hertford's Town Board, recognizing a need for appearance

improvements, has been studying ways and means to take official action toward property owners who fail to maintain houses and buildings in proper condition, thus creating health and fire hazards.

We feel some of the recommendations made to the Chamber can be accomplished to the benefit of the entire community in the way of a general clean-up campaign but as to increased facilities recommended, that is another matter which may or may not be worked out.

### Death Takes The Holiday

Instead of "Death taking a holiday" over the recent July 4th week-end, Death took over the holiday, taking a record number of victims as the holidays came to an end.

According to unofficial tabulations, the long holiday week-end recorded 519 traffic deaths. There were additional miscellaneous accidents, making a grand total of 900 violent deaths. This 1961 Fourth of July week-end traffic toll broke the all time high record set 11 years ago. The traffic death toll record for that Fourth of July week-end in 1950 was 491. The over-all toll of victims was 793.

So much is written on traffic safety, highway safety, careful driving and the like that it is hard to figure out a new approach to bring up the subject of safe driving. The recent carnage on the highways on the Fourth of July week-end, however, gives us a perfect opening.

More than five hundred Americans were smashed to death in automobile crashes. That was a new record. Such careless destruction of life is the reason foreigners gasp when told the annual toll on American highways.

If that sounds impressive, consider the far greater number of victims who survive minus an eye, or both eyes, or minus legs or arms or mobility, etc. For every one of the hundreds a day killed, several hundred suffer broken backs, lifetime scars, broken necks, limb amputations

and the like. Those of us who like to think of the United States as the most highly civilized nation, find it difficult to reconcile this slaughter on the public roads with the theory that we are a nation of civilized people. In no other country in the world is such a death toll counted on the public roads.

Imagine the wives who waited in vain for husbands to return from fishing trips — husbands who never came back. Imagine the children who were left without fathers and mothers, as a result of the careless deaths. And how many young couples were killed or one of them killed on holiday trips?

It is hard to believe it happens all over again, every year—every week-end, in fact. If all drivers would think about these facts as outlined above and consider present conditions on the highways, and the death rate, it would have a sobering effect.

The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right thing, but enjoy the right things.

—John Ruskin.

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### MARY AND MARTHA: FRIENDS OF JESUS

International Sunday School Lesson for July 21, 1961.

Memory Selection: "Martha said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.'" (John 11:27)

Lesson Text: Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-44; 12:1-8

Continuing in our search for some of the qualities that are necessary for those among us who would live as true followers of Christ, the question to be considered today is: What can friendship with Christ mean to a Christian in his relationship with God and with others?

In the story of Martha and Mary and Lazarus, we can find illumination. Lazarus, beloved of Jesus, died, and was raised from the dead. Martha, busy ministering to the Lord's needs in practical things, resented Mary's listening to Jesus' teachings, rather than helping in the kitchen. And Jesus, when called upon by Martha to intervene in her behalf, instead rebuked Martha, albeit very gently, for being concerned over "many things," pointing out, equally gently, that Mary had chosen "the good portion"—the fruits of the spirit. Jesus, thereby, put his finger on the fundamentals of the spirit; rather than the trappings of physical comfort.

And in this story, how many of us can find a parallel in our own lives today? Let us take a look at these people from Bethany, who were Jesus' friends. Not one seems to have been famous, influential, or rich. They had faults, their troubles and their handicaps. Yet they, with others who were but average individuals, became architects of a new world order. Martha and Mary were as different as day and night; yet Jesus saw personality traits in both which could be especially valuable for work in the Kingdom. Different, too, were these whom Jesus first called: Peter was tempestuous and voluble, Andrew quiet and dependable, unassuming; John was warm-hearted and affectionate, James diffident and shy; and Martha, as we have remarked, was bustling and matter-of-fact, while Mary was demure, retiring, thoughtful. God likes variety. Jesus allowed each of his friends to retain and express his individuality. He knew that each could be a power for righteousness in his own way. The miracles began when each of these persons gave Jesus Christ a chance with what he was.

And so we naturally come to the question: How do we give Christ a chance with us? First, we must rise and follow. Andrew, Peter, James and John left their nets and fishing boats and the security of their old ways to go with him. In their own separate and distinct ways, Mary, Martha and Lazarus rose and followed him. Not so some others Jesus invited to follow him; the rich young ruler, with all his potentials for service in Christ, Nicodemus, ruler of the Jews, and Arimathea — these men sensed Jesus' claim on them, knew they were sorely needed, and yet they could not bring themselves to "rise and follow."

To give Christ a chance to release us, we must bring ourselves to go something about it. We must rise and follow. It is not enough to marvel at His greatness, listen to his wisdom, view his goal of new men and a new world, and thrill at the challenge he offers us. If we would deceive what Christ would give through his redeeming friendship, we must be willing to rise above failure, above rebuke, above shame, even as His friends did. It is not failure that defeats us, so much as it is the refusal to try again. What is wisdom, except the harvest of failure? It is failure that makes us pause and consider; it prompts us to reflect and search for a solution. And even if we have failed in following Jesus Christ, he waits with mercy and pardon. He waits to help us rise again. And each time we rise to try again, more of his greatness is released in us. This is the miracle of his friendship—a miracle that waits on our doorstep, as it waited for his many friends so long ago, and in whose diversified qualities he saw so much opportunity for furthering his goal—the redemption of mankind.

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# Destination: GOD

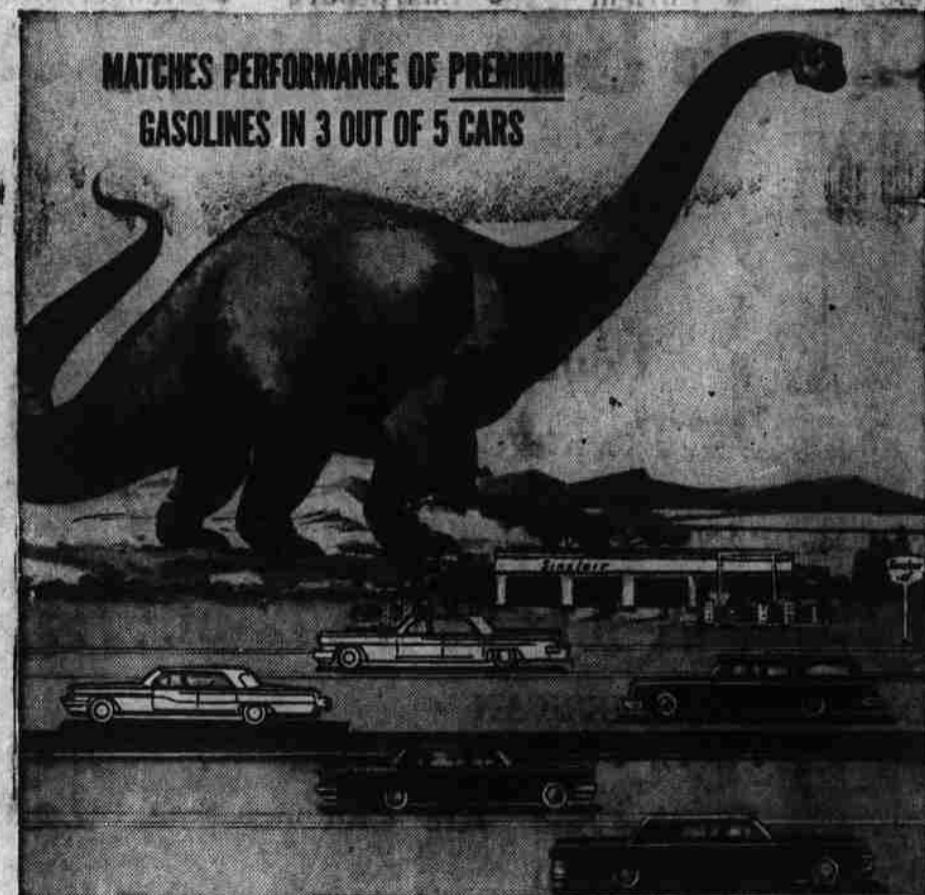
What's this little fellow up to? Where's he going? Why? He knows. Maybe he couldn't put it into words, but he's just as sure as any little man can be. He is taking in God's world with all his little-child faith. He knows that tree and how God made it strong against the storm. Those clouds? He knows God painted them in the sky for him to enjoy. He knows that more of God's wonders are right up ahead—and that's where he's going. Just walking among God. In the truest sense of the word, our young friend doesn't have to FIND God—he is WITH God. We are older. A lot of things clutter up our lives. We are busy losing God. When we do search for Him we scarcely know where to turn. It would be nice to join this young fellow—to share his thoughts, his hopes, his dreams, his God. We can't do that. We don't have a child's faith. But we can come CLOSER to God and ease our restless hearts. We can go to our church—God's temple, our place of worship. God will be there.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL... ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

Day	Book	Class	Young
Sunday	Matthew	9	12:30
Monday	Matthew	11	8:30
Tuesday	Matthew	12	8:30
Wednesday	Mark	3	8:30
Thursday	John	4	8:30
Friday	James	1	8:30
Saturday	James	2	8:30

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Norman Harris, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock

**BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
Bible School, 10:00 A. M.  
Worship Service, 11:00 A. M., 4th and 3rd Sundays. Communion every Sunday.

**SURGOSS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. J. McClain, Pastor  
Sunday school each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock, 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.

**PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**

Rev. Lester Hall, Pastor  
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday 7:30 P. M.  
Erworth Church: 1st Sunday 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.  
Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.

**NEW HOPE - WOODLAND**  
Dan E. Meadows, Pastor  
New Hope Church School, 10 A. M.; worship services, 11 A. M., 1st and 3rd Sundays; 7:30 P. M., 2nd and 4th Sundays.  
Woodland Church School, 10 A. M.; worship service, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.; 1st and 3rd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

**ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. C. T. Wilson, Pastor  
Church School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.

**WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
William S. Brown, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.; Morning Worship, 11 A. M.; Training Union, 8:30 P. M.; Evening Service, 7:30 P. M.

**UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Herbert Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.; Worship Service, 11 A. M., and 7:30 P. M.; Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M.; Prayer Service, Wednesday at 8 P. M.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. B. Hammett, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.  
Evening Worship, 8:00 P. M.

**FANEY WOODS FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**  
Mark Hoscia, Pastor  
Church School 10 A. M.  
Morning worship 11 A. M.  
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.

**WHITEVILLE GRAVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Walter Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Fred Hill, Pastor  
Church School 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11:00 o'clock  
Youth Fellowship, 8:45 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:30 P. M.

**BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM**  
A. E. Barefoot, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11 o'clock  
Young People's meeting at 8:15 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:00 o'clock

**HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector  
Holy Communion, 8:00 A. M.; Morning prayer and sermon, 10:00 A. M.

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Charles Preater, Pastor  
Bible School each Sunday at 10 o'clock; Holy Communion each Sunday; Worship Services, first and third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock; Evening Worship Service at 7:30 o'clock; Adult Study Classes and Youth Meetings first and third Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday school every Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Worship service every second and fourth Sunday at 11:00 A. M.  
Youth service Sunday at 7:30 P. M.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Rev. Ardy G. McGee  
Sunday School 10 A. M.; Worship at 11 A. M.; Evangelistic Service at 7:30 P. M.; Morning Convoy at 10:00 A. M.; and CA. at 7:30 P. M.; Friday night at 8 o'clock.

**ST. SIMON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Walter Hill, Pastor  
Sunday School, each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock  
Worship services, 1st and 3rd Sunday evening at 8 o'clock; 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

**BETHANY METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor: [Name obscured]  
Sunday School, 1st and 3rd Sunday, 10:00 A. M.; 2nd and 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.