

## Sunday School Teachers Week

Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr., has proclaimed the week of Nov. 18-24, 1974, as "Honor Sunday School Teachers Week in North Carolina" and has urged that the thousands of teachers across the state be recognized and honored.

The governor's proclamation noted the selfless efforts of the teachers in their hours of preparation and commended them for providing "the moral and spiritual nourishment to sustain us in this troubled time."

"They spread the seed of comfort, compassion and confidence in the future," the proclamation stated. The text of the proclamation is as follows:

WHEREAS, Sunday School teachers throughout North Carolina and the Nation labor tirelessly to teach the virtues of Christian living and the principles of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, their many hours of work are unselfishly volunteered for the good of the children and adults of their communities, and the great lessons they instill go far beyond the Sunday School classroom to touch all aspects of our national life; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the efforts of our Sunday School teachers be recognized, and attendance at Sunday School and church is a most rewarding expression of appreciation for their dedicated efforts;

THEREFORE, I proclaim the week of November 18-24, 1974

Sunday School Teachers Week in North Carolina and commend this observance to our citizens:

The governor's proclamation marks the seventh straight year that "Honor Sunday School Teachers Week" has been proclaimed by the state's chief executive. Former Governor Dan Moore began the practice during his second year in office.

North Carolina was the first state to begin an observance to honor its teachers in church schools and Sunday Schools. Several other states have since begun similar observances.

The week has been sponsored by Burr Patchell, Raleigh hosiery mill executive. Patchell, a native Ohioan, was the victim of a broken home and credits the teachings and example of Sunday School teachers with giving him the guidance needed to lead a useful life. He has been a crusader on behalf of the teachers ever since and over the last seven years has urged the statewide observance. He personally has called on the governors of six states to request they set aside the week.

A Special Certificate of Appreciation has been made available to all Sunday School Teachers in North Carolina in memory of the late Everet Miller a devout Sunday School teacher for many years who inspired this annual event.

U.S. Senator Jesse Helms, a pupil in Everet Miller's class for many years, presents the first Certificate to Miss Olive Miller of Raleigh, N.C.

Patchell has available free certificates of appreciation for use by churches in honoring their teachers. They are available - FREE - on request by writing to: THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, 3920 New Bern Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27610.

VA. BEACH GUESTS  
Mr. and Mrs. William Stanford of Virginia Beach, Va. were overnight guests of Mrs. Addie Keegan on Friday.

In honor of the Sixteenth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lucious Winslow, their children will have open house on Sunday November 24th, 1974 from two to four-thirty in the afternoon at the home of their parents, Belvidere, N.C. Route 1. Friends and relatives are invited. No gifts please.

# Obituaries

## MRS. PEARL PIERCE CHAPPELL

Mrs. Pearl Pierce Chappell, 68, of 315 W. Grubb St., died Friday night in Norfolk General Hospital after being stricken at Scope where she had gone to attend the Billy Graham Revival.

A native of Perquimans County she was the wife of Archie Seymour Chappell and daughter of the late William H. and Mrs. Ethel White Pierce.

She was a member of the Hertford Assembly of God Church and its Women's Missionary Society.

Besides her husband she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Cecil Sawyer and Mrs. Matthew Smith of Hertford and Mrs. Betty Garrett of Edenton; and two brothers, James Pierce of Rt. 4 and L.L. "Jeff" Pierce of Rt. 3, Hertford.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3:30 in the Hertford Assembly of God Church by the Rev. Larn Underwood and the Rev. Alvin Price. The Youth Choir sang "The Blood Shall Never Lose Its Power".

The pianist was Mrs. Vashti White and organist was Mr. Gene Boyce.

The casket pall was made of pink roses, pink carnations and white chrysanthemums.

Pallbearers were Louis Lee Chappell, Larry Chappell, William Ray Smith, William H. Garrett, L.E. Pierce and Ronald Wilder.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

## SIDNEY EARL CURTIS

Sidney Earl Curtis, 63, died Sunday morning at 7:30 in the Albemarle Hospital following a brief illness.

A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Willie Earl and Mrs. Laura Perry Curtis. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and was a retired logger.

Surviving is one sister, Mrs. Johnny Miller of 4003 Kilbride Drive, Chesapeake, Va.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 in the chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Stanley Nixon and the Rev. Norman Harris.

"How Great Thou Art" and "Sometime We'll Understand" were sung by the Bethel Church choir accompanied by Mrs. Irving Long, Jr., organist.

The casket pall was made of red and white carnations and white chrysanthemums.

Pallbearers were C.Z. Shackelford, George Butler, Joseph Perry, Joe Perry, Jimmy Rennie and Walter Harrison.

Burial was in Bethel Cemetery.

## MRS. ANNIE MILLER STANTON

Mrs. Annie Miller Stanton, 89, of 100 Carolina Avenue, died Monday at 12:15 in the Chowan Hospital following a week's illness. A native of Perquimans County, she was the widow of Willis Jesse Stanton and daughter of the late William Thomas and Mrs. Isabella Bogue Miller.

She was a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and the Women's Missionary Union.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Wayland Howell of Rt. 2, Hertford, Mrs. Thomas O. Harrell of Rt. 2, Edenton, Mrs. E.A. Goodman and Mrs. Haywood Divers of Hertford; three sons, W. Raymond Stanton and W. Jesse Stanton, Jr. of Winfall and T. Garland Stanton of

Portsmouth; a brother, Gaston B. Miller of Virginia Beach, Va.; 18 grandchildren; 35 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:00 in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Charles Duling and the Rev. C.L. Brewer.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" was sung by the Rev. Norman Harris, accompanied by Don Downing, organist.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers, grandsons, were Buddy Goodman, Clarence Goodman, Stanton Harrell, Thomas Wade Stanton, Jimmy Ray Stanton and Garland Stanton, Jr.

## MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

Mrs. John Coston and Miss Louise Chalk were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Chalk, Jr. in Washington on Monday. They were accompanied there by Mrs. Chalk, Sr., who was a guest of Miss Chalk last week.

## EDENTON GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Elliott of Edenton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott on Sunday.



By MARION SWINDELL

We read a bit of good, sound logic the other day. Someone had simply written these words: "A smooth sea never makes a skillful mariner."

There is much truth in this statement. A sailor becomes skilled only as he guides his ship through raging seas and stormy voyages. Anyone can plot a course through a calm - but only the best can face a storm, weather it and bring the ship safely to harbor.

It is through the storms of experience that the mariner becomes skillful. Isn't that true with life? The hard and difficult days tend to make each of us a better person better fitted for life.

Everyone's life will be filled with many calm voyages, but there are sure to be storms and gales, because they are part of life, too.

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: Life is a sea - both calm and stormy.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

## PROMISE OF RENEWAL

(Ezekiel 36:22-32)

Dr. F.B. Meyer said: "God's promises are ever on the ascending scale. One leads up to another, fuller and more blessed than itself. In Mesopotamia, God said to Abraham, 'I will show thee the land.' Later, 'I will give thee all the land, and children innumerable as the grains of sand.' And even these promises were eclipsed. It is thus that God allures us to saintliness; not giving anything until we have dared to act - that he may test us; not giving anything at first - that he may not overwhelm us. And always keeping in hand an infinite reserve of blessing. Oh, the unexplored remainders of God! Who ever saw his last star?"

Ezekiel's message to the people of God in captivity was a message of encouragement and hope. Judah had sinned. God had used the Babylonian army to punish Judah. The people of Jerusalem were carried to Babylon where they were to remain some seventy years. But God never leaves his people without his witness. Ezekiel was there to proclaim God's promise of Restoration.

## Restoration, Ezekiel 36:22-24

The people of God were to understand clearly that God wasn't acting because they deserved his favor. They had sinned grievously. They had profaned his holy name among the pagans. What greater sin can the people of God be guilty of today than this sin? Yet there are large numbers of people who enter into covenant with Christ who are soon walking in the ways of the world. What do unbelievers think when they see this? What did the pagan nations think of Israel? They

thought God was not able to see his people through. But God will show the nations that he does keep his promises. Israel would be restored. The nations of the world would then know that God was the Lord.

Note that the restoring of Israel to the promised land was God's own act, "I will take you ... and gather you ... and bring you into your own land."

Not only will God's people be restored to the promised land, they will be renewed by God's Spirit.

## Renewal, Ezekiel 36:25-30

There would be, first of all, a cleansing. The sin question in our lives must always be dealt with. As we seek God's blessings, let us make sure we have not overlooking the matter of sin in our lives.

Following the cleansing, God promised a new heart and a new spirit. The change they needed was an inward change. It is better to change a person inside than to give him a new set of circumstances! The stony heart had to go before they could be given a heart of flesh. They would be given a new and right spirit which would enable them to walk in God's way.

God's promise included their return and residence in the land he had given their fathers. They would be his people and he would be their God. Increased blessings would come in the form of abundance of fruit and crops. God's guidance, protection, and presence are with his people when they walk in his laws, keep his judgments, and practice them.

One other thought remains in this passage. We have already pointed out the fact that Israel was in captivity because she had sinned. God's chastisement

and his redeeming acts of love will stir Israel to repentance.

## Repentance, Ezekiel 36:31-32

The people would remember their evil ways. They would be genuinely sorry for their deeds which did not meet God's approval. They would detest themselves for their iniquities and their abominations.

Here is a message most helpful to man today. How does man meet God's approval? How does man come into right standing with God? It is not by works of righteousness which man does to gain favor. It is what God has already done redemptively on our behalf. But man must come to see himself - the sinner he really is. Only the Holy Spirit is able to do this. This we call conviction for sin. The man who sees himself for what he really is will loathe or detest what he

sees. Such a man is then ready for God's saving work in his soul.

We are reminded again in verse 32 that man does not deserve what God does for him. God's mercy and grace reaches out to man and takes away his stony heart and gives him a right spirit. Such a man then will find fullness of life as he joyously walks in the ways of God!

## BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK

The first of the ten commandments says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" Exodus 20:3. Is this a recognition of other gods?

## ANSWER

There is no evidence that the prophets or New Testament writers believed in other living gods. There is one true and living God. However, man makes gods of the things or persons he places before his allegiance to Almighty God.

## VA. BEACH GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frazier Miller and family of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Goodman on Sunday.

## FROM DURHAM

Miss Lynn Landing, student at Watts School of Nursing in Durham, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Landing, Jr.

Newbold-White House, Simons Creek Memorial Museum of the Albemarle and the Dismal Swamp they return to Up River Church for a chicken cook-out and recreation. They spent nights in homes of members of the church, attended Sunday School and Meeting for Worship, followed by a Fellowship dinner before leaving for home on Sunday afternoon.

## Long Run

Remember how it is, or was, or might be? If not, you may like to check in at the Holiday Inn and let The Albemarle Players explain it for you.

The Players are doing another hilarious Neil Simon comedy as they get their season underway in Elizabeth City with a dinner theatre production of "Plaza Suite".

The show began last Friday, and can still be seen through Saturday, the 16th. Plan to attend, You'll like it!

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