

# Obituary

**SARAH BARNES TAYLOR HORNE**  
Mrs. Sarah Barnes Taylor Horne, 70, of Rt. 1 Hertford died in Chowan Convalescent Home at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday after an illness of four months. She was the widow of Wilson Horne and the daughter of the late Sarah Clarke and Willie Barnes. Surviving are two sons, Louis Taylor of Rt. 1 Hertford and James L. Taylor of Norfolk; 10 grandchildren

and 14 great grandchildren. Graveside services were held Wednesday at 2:00 in Cedarwood Cemetery by the Rev. Jim Stanley. The pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern. The pallbearers were Willie Taylor, Tommy Taylor, Dwight Reynolds, Jimmy Taylor, Haywood Weaver and Will Elliott. Swindell Funeral Home had charge.



# The Sunday School Lesson

## PREPARING THE WAY (Matthew 3:1-12)

Emerson observed that "Men of God have always from time to time, walked among men, and made their commission felt in the heart and soul of the commonest hearer." John the Baptist was a man of God. He was God's man sent to walk among men. He made his commission felt in the heart and soul of those who heard him.

These next two lessons will lead up to the Christmas message on December 22. Today our lesson is concerned with the preparation for the coming of Christ in the flesh. In this preparation God used a man.

**The Man, Matthew 3:1-3**  
Some 400 years before Matthew wrote, Malachi the prophet has spoken for God, "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts."

God always keeps His promises. The day had come. God's man appeared. John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judaea. God has made special preparation through this man. John was wholly suited for the tremendous task. His father was a priest. His mother was a daughter of Aaron, "And they were both righteous before God, walking in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless" (Luke 1:6).

John was to be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15). Matthew calls him a prophet (Matthew 11:9). He was a bold and courageous preacher. He was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy that there would be "a voice crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3).

We look next at the manner of this man who literally emptied the city of Jerusalem and all Judaea? His Manner, Matthew 3:4-6 His coat or robe, was made from camel's hair which had been woven. A cheap leather girdle held his robe together at the waist. His dress was much like that of the prophet Elijah. His meal was locust and honey from wild bees. This was food very common to the poor of John's day.

There must have been a genuineness about this simple man. He was a man of convictions with the courage to stand by them. He drew the multitudes. They came from all over to hear what this strange prophet had to say. It soon became obvious to the multitudes that this voice they were hearing was from God. They began to get themselves baptized in the Jordan River, confessing their sins.

Verses 7 through 12 of Matthew Chapter 3 tell us of John's message. **His Message Matthew 3:7-12** His message was a message of repentance. John saw himself as the forerunner of the Messiah. His mission was to get the people to prepare their hearts for the kingly rule of God. Many confessed their sins and turned away from them, even submitting themselves to baptism. Before John, baptism had been only for Gentiles who desired to become Jews.

Even the Pharisees and Sadducees came to John requesting baptism. It is obvious that they were not sincere. They had not turned from their sinful ways and God's Spirit-filled preacher saw through their pretension. They reminded John of a brood of snakes scurrying across the desert to escape the fire — and he told them so! He went on to demand of them a change of attitudes and actions. They must bring forth evidence that they had truly repented.

It was not enough for them to know they were descendants of Abraham. Nobody can go to heaven on the merits of somebody else. If God had merely wanted numbers He could have turned the stones to children of Abraham.

John's message was a message of judgment. God had come before in judgment. The Israelites had suffered captivity and other forms of chastisement. But now the axe was lying at the very root of the trees. There must be a genuine repentance on the part of the people or this time there wouldn't even be the stump left!

Verses 11 and 12 consist of a promise and a warning. True repentance and faith in God's promised Messiah will bring a baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. This means no less than the abiding presence and power of God within the believer. "With fire" is probably a reference to judgment. Fire purifies. It brings a spiritual cleansing. Christ will gather the ones who belong to Him. He will reject those who have rejected Him.

Ryland spoke truthfully when he said, "No sermon is of any value, or likely to be useful which has not the three R's in it: ruin in the fall, redemption by Christ, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit."

**BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**  
"Are the Ten Commandments binding on Christians today?"

**ANSWER:**  
The Bible never taught that man could be saved by keeping the Ten Commandments. They were never given to bring one into right standing with God. They are principles, concepts, disclosures of the will of God. The Christian, like Christ, has one consuming passion — to know and do the will of God.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grimes of Scarsdale, N.Y. were Holiday guests of Mrs. Fred Smith at Belvidere.

**HOLIDAYS AT PINEHURST**  
Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Biggers spent the Thanksgiving Holidays in Pinehurst with relatives.

**FLA. GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Converse of Tampa, Fla. were Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar White.

**VISITS IN ROSE HILL**  
Mrs. F.T. Johnson visited relatives in Rose Hill during the Holidays.

**NEWPORT NEWS GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dean Britt and daughter, Joy, of Newport News, Va. were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Britt.

**FROM CHAPEL HILL**  
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irons of Chapel Hill were Holiday guests of Mrs. Charles Harrell.

**THANKSGIVING HERE**  
Mrs. W.G. Wright, who is a patient at Winslow Nursing Home in Elizabeth City, was a guest of Mrs. T.B. Sumner on Thanksgiving Day.

**VISITS IN RALEIGH**  
Mrs. T.B. Sumner is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Jr. in Raleigh.

# Nurses Meet

Mrs. Joan Reid, Assistant Executive Director of the N.C. State Nurses' Association, spoke to the local nurses organization, District 19, at their monthly meeting held recently. Mrs. Reid spoke about the recent amendment to the Taft-Hartley Bill which deals with collective bargaining within a private, non-profit institution. She reminded the group that city, county, and state employees are not covered by the amendment. Those nurses employed by an agency which allows collective bargaining may seek assistance in organizing a unit from the N.C. State Nurses Assoc. or from a National Labor Union organization. The purpose of such assistance is to help local nurses achieve the nursing care they feel their patients deserves as well as receive the economic and general welfare benefits they deserve in their work situation.

Mrs. Peggy West, president, presided over the meeting. Devotion was given by Mrs. Irene Belgania. Approximately twenty members were present and a number of guests: Mrs. Debbie Schoenfeld, Mrs. Kathy Gregory, Mrs. Marion Hulls, Mrs. Dora Anderson, Ms. Yvonne Chilcoat, Ms. Martha Spencer, and Mrs. Sandy Hoffer.

Mrs. West appointed a scholarship committee composed of Mrs. Merle Wilson, Mrs. Evelyn Sanderson, and Mrs. Margnette Lassiter. This committee is to select a first year and a second year Associate Nursing Student at College of the Albemarle who will receive a \$100 scholarship from the District Nurses' Association. Mrs. Roberta Hanson reported that she had tickets available for the Afghan sale. Proceeds from this sale will be used for the nurses' scholarship. Mrs. Belgania reported that fruit cake sales are progressing well and all money is to be turned into her by Dec. 10.

Mrs. Wilma Harris, chairperson of Continuing Education Committee, reported that three members will be helping her set up a conference on con-

tinuing education for nurses in North Carolina. Those members are Mrs. Roberta Hanson, Mrs. Merle Wilson, and Mrs. Kay Whedbee.

The meeting was adjourned with Mrs. Osceala Jurash, Mrs. Faye Moore and Mrs. Belgania served refreshments.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Christmas pageant, "In My Father's House," will be presented at the First Assembly of God Church on December 15, at 7 p.m. Rev. Larn Underwood cordially invites the public to attend.



**CONCERT** — Members of the Perquimans High School Glee Club prepare for the upcoming annual concert of Christmas music to be held in the high school auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. The Glee Club is under the direction of Ms. Caroline Wright. (Newbern photos)

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By MARION SWINDELL

The story is told about the famous French tight-rope walker who was preparing to walk across Niagara Falls on a rope.

"Do you believe I can walk across these falls?" he asked a bystander.

"Yes," was the reply. "Do you believe I can carry a man on my shoulders?" he further inquired.

"Yes, I do," the man stated.

"Would you be the man to ride on my shoulders?" he asked.

"No, not me!" he emphatically replied.

Faith, sometimes, is a strange thing. Like the man and the tight-rope walker, it takes on a different meaning when it involves us personally. We often believe in great achievements and ideals, but we do not want to be an actual part in their accomplishments. Great faith is that which is supported by our own efforts—our own energies and talents. OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: "IF YOU BELIEVE IN SOMETHING — BE WILLING TO BE A PART OF IT."

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