

# Sunday school lesson

## TRUSTING IN GOD Psalm 23:1-6

The twenty-third Psalm is as precious today as it was when it was written. It is the most used, as well as the best loved, of all the Psalms.

### Possession of the Believer — Psalm 23:1

David derived great satisfaction from the fact that the Lord was his present and personal possession. All that David was to his sheep, the Lord was to him, yea, and far more. He rejoiced that the Lord would never forget, fail, or forsake him. He rejoiced that his Shepherd would supply his needs from His unsearchable riches. David derived great satisfaction from the fact that the Lord, whose love was unchanging and whose faithfulness was unfailing, knew him personally, loved him devotedly, supplied his needs bountifully, and guided him daily.

### Provision for the Believer — Psalm 23:2-5

The sheep have no care as to what they shall eat or drink. It is the shepherd who locates the pastures and the waters. Because the Lord was his Shepherd, David knew that rest, relaxation, refreshment, and revitalization would be provided for him each day. Through warning, exhortation, and chastening the Lord restores to fellowship with Him and to effective service for Him those of His children who have gone astray, in order that He may lead them in paths of righteousness.

Illness frequently brings the child of God into the shadows, but to the afflicted one our Lord says, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Many are called to go down into the valley of bereavement because their loved ones have been removed from them. To such, encouragement is found in the words, "Yea, though I walk through the valley." Another valley into which people go is "the shadow of death." Loved ones can neither keep a child of God from entering the valley nor accompany him through it. Only the Good Shepherd can accompany the children of God as they go through the valley of the shadow of death. With the assurance of His presence and companionship there is no reason for complaint or fear. The fact that "Thou art with me" is a positive guarantee that all will be well. His presence with His own is a certainty. Comfort is also provided for the believer — "Thy rod and they staff they comfort me." The rod refers to authority and the staff speaks of aid. His blessed presence, protection, power, and provision should abolish our fears and purge us of anxious care.

Verse five takes us from a pasture scene to a table scene. It portrays a banquet table prepared by the Lord for us in the presence of our enemies, but in perfect security from them. The anointed head and overflowing cup have reference to God's care for His children. He cared for them providently, affectionately, faithfully, and constantly. This care is extended to the most minute details of our lives. The assurance that our cups will continue to overflow with His grace, mercy, and blessings as we keep on living for Him affords us great and joyous satisfaction.

### Prospect of the Believer — Psalm 23:6

Goodness and mercy are attributes of God. God expresses His goodness to His people in His wonderful acts of mercy in His dealings with them. Goodness has ever been the root of which mercy has been the fruit, or the former has been and cause and the latter has been the effect. His

faithfulness to us in the past convinces us that we can trust Him implicitly in all the future. Because the love of God never changes, His care of His children never ceases. What a joy it will be when our Lord shall bid us enter into the fellowship of the saints and the Saviour in heaven!

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## First Baptist Church news

Sunday school at First Baptist Church will begin at 9:45 a.m. this Sunday with Johnnie Collins in charge. The morning worship service will follow at 11 a.m. Rev. John H. London, the pastor, will preach from the subject, "Trafficking in Treachery" (Matt. 26:14-16). Special music will be presented by the Senior Choir with Mrs. Mary L. James as organist.

Tickets are on sale for 50 cents. Mrs. Mattie Burks, president, invites the public.

The Senior Usher Board of the church will sponsor the "100 Men in Black" program at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church on Sunday. Their special guest will be the Deacon Earl Newby of Atlantic City, N.J. along with the McRay Male Chorus of Cornerstone Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, and the New Bethel Baptist Church Male Chorus. Deacon Charles Louther and the Male Ushers of the church invite the public to be present.

The Pastor's Aide Club of the First Baptist Church will sponsor a George Washington Tea Party at the home of Rev. London on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m.

## Book study is announced

"The Leaven and the Salt" is the name of the book that the Baptist Women's Missionary Society is having taught Monday night, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. with the women of the Hertford Baptist Church. This is the annual spring Mission

Study Class concerning Baptist Home Missions.

The Rev. Eddie Brown, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, will teach the book. Visitors will be welcomed and members are urged to attend.

## Obituaries

### MRS. GLADYS WARD

Mrs. Gladys McClenny Ward, 61, of 105 East Church St., Edenton, died Thursday night at 11:15 in Chowan Hospital. A Chowan County native, she was the widow of Floyd Ward and daughter of the late William H. and Mrs. Amy Bass Ward.

She was a member of the First Christian Church and was formerly employed at the Edenton Cotton Mills.

Surviving are a son, P. Ray Ward of Hertford; three sisters, Mrs. Lela Boyce and Mrs. Olivia Harrell of Edenton and Mrs. Cora Parrish of Tyner; a brother, John McClenny of Edenton, and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the chapel of the Swindell-Bass Funeral Home in Edenton by the Rev. E.C. Alexander. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

"Sweet By and By" was sung by the choir of the First Christian Church. They were accompanied by Miss Agnes Chappell, organist.

The casket pall was made of mixed spring flowers. Pallbearers were John Parrish, Marvin Parrish, Woodrow Slades Jr., Edward McClenny, Leslie Phipps, and William Foxwell.

### MRS. EVIE BURGESS TRUEBLOOD

Mrs. Evie Burgess Trueblood, 91, of 409 N. Road St., Elizabeth City, died Monday morning in Chowan Hospital. A native of Camden County, she had lived in Perquimans County most of her life. She was the widow of James S. Trueblood and daughter of the late Wilkes and Mrs. Rebecca Mitchell Burgess. She was a member of Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church.

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Talmadge (Evelyn) Baines and Mrs. Ray (Margaret) Baines of Whaleyville, Va., Mrs. Southgate (Mary) Keaton, Mrs. Carlton (Alice Mae) Godfrey and Mrs. Ernest (Mildred) Winslow of Elizabeth City; four sons, Raymond W. Trueblood and Nathan N. Trueblood of Rt. 2, Hertford, James E. Trueblood of Kernersville and Midford S. Trueblood of Robbins, N.C.; a stepson, the Rev. Percy Trueblood of Rt. 2, Hertford; 24 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church by the Rev. J.R. Huelett and the Rev. D.B. Cruise. Burial was in the family cemetery.

"When We See Christ" was sung by Mrs. Preston Stevenson; "Sweet By and By" was sung by the church choir and "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" was sung by the congregation.

The casket pall was made of red and white carnations. Pallbearers were Curtis Trueblood, Michael Winslow, Marvin Trueblood, Phillip Winslow, Wayne Winslow and Talmadge F. Baines Jr.

Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**REVIVAL SPEAKER** — Rev. Charles Stout, evangelist from Ramseur, N.C. is the guest speaker at revival services that are continuing through Feb. 26 at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church. Services begin each evening at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited. Rev. James R. Hulett is the host pastor.

### FIRST CHILD

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar W. Roberson Jr. of Hertford announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kristie Erin, born Feb. 10 at the Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Roberson is the

former Gail Chappell of Belvidere.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer B. Chappell of Belvidere.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Roberson of Hertford.

### CARD OF THANKS

There are so many people to thank for their kindness and understanding during the long illness of my mother, Gladys M. Ward. I hardly can begin. So may a simple thank you for everything help.

Ray Ward & Family

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for all the kindnesses shown during the recent illness and death of our loved one. We are appreciative for all flowers, food, phone calls, visits and each kind thought. May God bless you all.

The family of William N. White

### For Your Information

Dear friends,

Research in the field of death, grief and bereavement is just in its infancy. Sociology, anthropology, psychology, and the health sciences are focusing on these subjects. As knowledge increases in these areas, we must find ways to communicate it to people — to society for its better understanding of these problems.

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## Local people in the news

John Ward has returned home after being a patient in the Albemarle Hospital last week.

Miss Barbara Layden of Va. Beach, Va. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layden at Belvidere.

Wayne Tarkenton, student at NCSU, Raleigh, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Tarkenton.

Mrs. Flora Hurdle returned to her home in Belvidere last week after spending several weeks in Elizabeth City with her daughter, Mrs. Paula Weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bumberger of Hickory were weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward. Mrs. Bumberger remained for a visit with them this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lee Dail and family of Plymouth spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hurdle, in Belvidere and C.L. Dail at Hertford.

Lindsey Reed Returned to his home in Raleigh on Monday after spending several days last with his father D.F. Reed, Sr., and visiting his mother who is a surgery patient in Norfolk General Hospital.

J.H. Towe has returned home after being a surgery patient at the Albemarle Hospital for several weeks.

Mrs. Frank McCloskey and sons, Darrin and Todd, of Norfolk, Va. were guest of Mrs. R.B. Thach and other relatives on Sunday.

Gary Reed has returned to his home after being a patient in the Albemarle Hospital for observation and treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bass and family of Va. Beach, Va. spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leroy White.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sawyer, all of Hertford, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Ray Morgan and family of Winfall were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stallings in Greenville on Sunday.

**CLOTHESPIN HANDLE**  
A clean clothespin provides a cool handle to steady the cake tin when removing a hot cake.

**ICE CREAM PIE**  
Ice cream pie is an easy dessert to make. Fill a homemade or purchased crumb crust with softened ice cream. Swirl crushed fruit, chocolate syrup or nut sundae topping into the ice cream. Freeze until firm.

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Lucy D. Barnes wishes to thank relatives and friends for all acts of kindness shown during the recent death of our loved one.

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Nieces and Nephews

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