

# CHURCH

## Sunday School lesson

**God's People Demand a King**  
1 Samuel 12:14-25

Fear the Lord, and serve Him in truth with all your heart: For consider how great things He hath done for you. (1 Samuel 12:24).

The descendants of Abraham, through his sons Isaac and Jacob, became a chosen people unto God. God brought them out of bondage in Egypt to the foot of Mount Sinai and there he welded them into a nation and gave them the Ten Commandments which would be the

basis for their relationship between themselves and between themselves and God.

They were to be a priest nation, living under the covenant which God had made with them and be an "example" nation so that all the pagan nations might see the advantages of a nation who served the one true God, Jehovah. They were; therefore, a people with a mission: God their King would provide them with leaders from among themselves that would provide direct access to Him.

Up to the point in today's lesson, God directly called and commissioned the leaders Israel was to have. God chose Moses first, and Moses' successor, Joshua. After Joshua's death, God raised up judges to lead Israel, and for many years the Hebrew people lived under a system of judges.

Samuel had judged the people for many years. In his old age he appointed his two sons to be judges over the people. When the two proved themselves unworthy of the position, the people asked Samuel to appoint a

king over them instead.

Read the details in Samuel, Chapter eight. God was displeased: He was their King. He knew that their request was a rejection of His rule over them; however, at the heart of the people's request for an earthly king was their desire to be "like all the nations" around them.

As we study this quarter's lessons taken from 1 and 2 Samuel - 1 and 2 Kings, we get an insight into God's character. We see how God patiently works with His chosen people to get them to follow His divine will and

purpose.

It is interesting that God allowed the people to have a king, even though it was a repudiation of His leadership of them, but He also issued a strong warning of what He expected of them.

**Samuel's Solemn Warning**  
1 Samuel 12:14-18

A study of the Old Testament will lead us eventually to certain focal points. Namely, that God is loving, merciful, patient and long-suffering as He deals with people, but He is, also, Truth and Justice.

God is jealous in that He will not permit idolatry. So firm is He against it that one of the Ten Commandments expressly forbids the practice. Another focal point that we come to recognize is that God required of His people faith and obedience.

The warning which Samuel delivered to the people was for both the individual and the nation. They were to fear, obey and serve God. If they failed to do them, they would receive justice from God's hand.

Samuel reinforced this warning from God with a practical demonstration. Since it was wheat harvest time, the period between May and mid-June, when there was

usually no rain, God would send thunder and rain. This would be a practical demonstration and also that they would know that their wickedness was great in asking for an earthly king.

**A Penitent People Reassured**  
1 Samuel 12:19-25

These verses tell of the response of the people to this practical demonstration of God's justice. They repented of their evil and asked Samuel to pray for them that God would not destroy them for their wickedness. Then Samuel gave them the assurance of God's forgiveness and mercy and a call for their future obedience.

"Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart."

## Church news

**Perquimans United Methodist Charge**

Hours of worship for the Perquimans United Methodist Charge are 9:00 a.m. at Epworth; 10:00 a.m. at Cedar Grove and 11:00 a.m. at Oak Grove.

Rev. David Goehring is pastor.

**Bay Branch A.M.E. Zion Church**

Bay Branch A.M.E. Zion Church—Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m. with Mrs. Esther Hunter in charge. Morning worship begins at 11:15.

The Senior Choir will furnish the music. Mrs. Barbara Shannon is organist.

Trustee Day will be observed at 2:30 p.m. Rev. H. H. Grier and congregation, choir and ushers of Good Hope A.M.E. Zion Church will render the service.

The public is invited to attend.

**Saunders Grove Baptist Church**

The regular morning service at Saunders Grove Baptist Church, Sunday, June 3, 1984, at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Proctor Freeman of Chesapeake, VA will preach. Music is by Saunders Grove Junior Choir. The public is invited to attend.

**The Lighthouse**

A talented young Christian minister with an anointed message in word and song is coming to The Lighthouse, 505 E. Church St., Elizabeth City, this Friday, June 1.

His name is Don Hall and he's from Lamp Light Church where his father pastors in Charlotte, NC. Don ministers to all ages and relates well to the youth. There is never an admission charge at The Lighthouse. All ministers come on the basis of a love offering. Come hear Don Hall at The Lighthouse this Friday, June 1, at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call 335-2141.

**Tri-County Black Minister Conference**

The Tri-County Black Minister Conference will meet at the First Baptist Church of Hertford, NC. Rev. J. H. London will be host pastor and Rev. John E. Trotman is president.

The special guest speaker will be Dr. Jimmy Jenkins, Chancellor of

Elizabeth City State University.

Rev. London is asking all ministers to bring a special offering from their churches if they can for Elizabeth City State University Foundation. Also, come prepared to stay for lunch at 12:00 noon.

**Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church**

Dr. John Sutherland Logan will be the evangelist for revival services at the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church Monday through Sunday, June 4-10. All evening services will begin at 8:00 p.m. Services Sunday morning will include Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and the Morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Logan is a native of Scotland and has had a wide range of ministries on both sides of the Atlantic. He served as pastor at Speke Hall in London during the war, succeeding the legendary Oswald Chambers. During that time, opportunities also allowed him to minister to members of the palace staff and serve as a college president.

A world traveler, Dr. Logan first came to America in 1949 on a preaching tour that took him into every state in the union. Since then he has become widely known, having spoken in many major conventions and camp meetings throughout the nation.

The Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church is located five miles northeast of Hertford, between Winfall and Belvidere, one and one-half miles east of Highway 37. The pastor and people invite all to come and join them in these services.

For more information, contact

Daniel E. LeRoy, 426-7476.

**First Baptist Church**

Sunday School at First Baptist Church will be held at 9:45 a.m. Morning worship will be held at 11:00 a.m.

This is Youth Day and the Young Adult Choir will be singing under the direction of Brother Larry Felton, organist. Young ushers will be serving. Rev. London will be preaching on the subject, "Do You Know Where Your Children Are?"

The church and pastor will be in the Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, 704 Cardwell St., at 2:00 p.m. for the Deaconess Anniversary. Rev. J. L. Denton, host pastor.

**Gospel Concert**

Jerry Zachary will be live in concert at the Perquimans High School in Hertford to entertain you with good gospel music, along with his latest album "Don't Sit on a Blessing", and his newest group from Chowan County. This will be held Saturday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Come one, come all. Free - Free - Free

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## Local students selected

Charles R. Eilber, Director of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, announced today that three students from Perquimans County have been selected to attend the school next fall as part of the junior class of 224 boys and girls.

They were selected from 844 students nominated to attend the school in Durham. The junior class will have students from 75 counties in North Carolina.

The local students selected are: Elmer G. Boyce, Tammy R. Lane, and Thomas B. Winslow.

The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics is the nation's first state-wide, state-supported, residential school for eleventh and twelfth graders with special ability in science and mathematics.

These students will join the school's seniors for a total enrollment of 400. Only North Carolina residents are eligible to attend. The school plans to increase enrollment to 600 in the future.

"This group of students is exceptionally talented with the potential for significant achievements in the fields of math and science. They have been thoroughly prepared by their current and previous teachers and schools to participate in the rigorous academic program at NCSSM. I only regret that we were unable to accept so many other talented students who were nominated, but we do not have adequate space or funds at this time," said Eilber.

The four year old program has received national acclaim for its advanced academic program and the scholastic achievements of its students.

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**Card of Thanks**  
Once again I would like to say thank you, to my friends and relatives for all the nice things done for me, during my recent illness and surgery. Your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, gifts, telephone calls and your concern will always be remembered, Thanks again and May God Bless!  
Edgar Long  
It is with great sincerity and humbleness that I thank my friends for the many kind deeds extended to my family and me during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. The flowers, cards, prayers, visits, and other kindnesses made my hospital stay bearable and helped speed my recovery. May God keep you forever in his care.  
Rosa E. Talley

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