

60 - SECOND SERMONS

— By —
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TEXT: "Prudence makes life safe, but not often happy."
—Samuel Johnson.

A statistical expert wanted to get married but refused to be wed on the Tuesday his girlfriend had selected. Asked why, he explained, "If we get married on a Tuesday, we'd celebrate our Silver Wedding anniversary on a Friday—and Friday is my bowling night!"

When we observe the tranquil lives of simple, primitive people, we wonder whether the education, vision and foresight that we possess is an advantage. It causes us to worry, fret and hesitate until we destroy all the joys of

living. Should we, therefore, give up our learning? Should we revert to the uninformed existence of primitive people? Not at all.

When we worry about the shadows that lurk in our tomorrows we exhibit our ignorance. We show our neglect of a companion-talent which should accompany all technical knowledge and mental skills. Side-by-side with knowledge must grow our trust and faith and belief in a Supreme Being and the ultimate triumph of goodness. Term it religion. I do. It is the secure anchor that keeps us steady when our great sea of knowledge, alone, would drive us insane with worry about H-bombs or a Silver Wedding anniversary which may conflict with our bowling night.

KNOW YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

P. E. Battendorf, representative of the Social Security Administration, is in Edenton every Thursday at the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Citizens Bank Building.

This week, let me digress from explaining the 1958 Amendments to the Social Security Act. I would like to show you in figures exactly what Social Security means to the residents and businessmen of Chowan and Perquimans County.

In 1955, benefits payable in Chowan County were \$14,000 and in Perquimans County, \$11,200 a month. Since that time, self-employed farmers have been brought under the Social Security Act and those who have qualified for Social Security benefits are now receiving Social Security checks every month.

As of December 31, 1957, the benefits in force for Chowan County were \$21,645 per month and in Perquimans County \$23,634 per month. The tremendous difference in the amount of benefits payable over that short period can be attributed to the newly covered farmers. Social Security was intended to provide

a base upon which to build your other retirement plans. The figures above show exactly how Social Security can affect the economy and income of any specific county. This is a tremendous difference brought about by Social Security inasmuch as 23 years ago, there was no Social Security program. The 1958 Amendments to the Social Security Act will increase the benefit amounts to all people receiving Social Security. The increase will average approximately 7%. Some will get slightly more than 7%, while others will get slightly less. The new minimum and maximum rates are also increased. This increase in benefits is effective in January 1959. Checks for January 1959 are mailed early in February 1959. Persons already getting benefits have to do nothing to receive this increase. It is done automatically by the Social Security Administration.

More Tar Heel Owners Growing Trees As Crop

Raleigh (Special)—North Carolina woodland owners have an increasing interest in growing trees as a crop.

Certification of 45 new tree farms over the state points up that fact, according to J. Ray Orr, conservation forester for Champion Paper and Fibre Co., Canton, and chairman of the North Carolina Tree Farm Committee.

He said these additions brought the total number of North Carolina tree farms to 230, covering 1,138,048 acres.

"And this is only the beginning," Orr said. "By this time next year we hope to have 500 certified tree farms in the state."

"We are in a good position for advances under the program—North Carolina is second only to Texas in number of small farms." Most of them, he said, have woodlands which could be eligible for certification.

The North Carolina program, sponsored by the North Carolina Forest Industries Committee, is

and overgrazing, along with planting idle acres when necessary.

Any woodland owner with five acres or more who is interested in becoming a tree farmer is invited to write the North Carolina Tree Farm Committee, 519 First Citizens Bank Building, Raleigh.

Accident Facts

Raleigh — There must still be a few horse-and-wagon drivers around for three such persons were fatally injured in traffic last year. A study by the State Department of Motor Vehicles shows 50 horse-drawn vehicles were struck by cars (or vice versa) during the year, injuring 23 persons in addition to the three killed. One driver was killed when his car collided with an animal, presumably a cow.



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Sunday School Lesson

THE MEANING OF JESUS' BAPTISM

International Sunday School Lesson for October 19, 1958.

Memory Selection: "I have come to do thy will, O God."
—(Hebrews 10:7)

Lesson Text: Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:15-22.

This lesson endeavors to show the meaning of Jesus' baptism. It may also aid in the more full appreciation of the significance of our own baptism.

Studying our lesson text for today, we read an account of the work and beliefs of John the Baptist, and of the baptism of Jesus Christ, and his public acknowledgment as the Son of God.

John the Baptist was a powerful preacher, who had built up a great following. Indeed, such high regard did his followers have for him, that there were many among them who wanted to proclaim him as the Messiah. John, however, gave short shrift to this idea, and, being a dedicated man, relinquished his great following to Jesus, holding the view, we suspect, that he regarded himself as merely a tool in laying the foundations of Christianity as we know it today. The Messiah would come, said John, like a farmer who winnows the chaff from the wheat; like a gardener who cuts down sterile trees that

do not bear fruit. Therefore, the first thing his people must do was to repent if they were to be worthy of having a part in the wonderful new era.

Baptism was a most significant religious experience for Jesus. His partaking of this rite has puzzled many who associate baptism with sin and repentance. It would certainly be improper to charge that it meant that Jesus was putting away his sins. It would be better argued in this instance that Jesus' baptism was an act of consecration. This was the means whereby he publicly acknowledged his association with the coming of the kingdom of God and assumed all the responsibilities that went with his same association.

Matthew has introduced a reason for Jesus' baptism. (Matthew 3:15). He has suggested that at baptism Jesus took upon himself the common sin. In this way he demonstrated his love by showing his willingness to share the indignities and pains of sinners. "He repented with men as a man to redeem men—in God."

The most generally accepted view is that his baptism marks the time when Jesus was commissioned to do the work that God had planned for him. It was here that he entered the new epoch with all its messianic implications. It was here, at his baptism, that his call from God

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Chowan County Churches

EDENTON BAPTIST
REV. N. CARROLL, Pastor
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
Morning worship service, 11 A. M.
Training Union at 8:15 P. M.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

GREAT HOPE BAPTIST
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Morning worship second and fourth Sundays at 11 o'clock.
Evening worship first and fourth Sundays at 8 o'clock.
Prayer service Wednesday at 8 P. M.

ROCKY HOCK BAPTIST
REV. E. L. RAINES, Pastor
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Training Union at 7 P. M.
Evening worship at 8 o'clock.

EDENTON PRESBYTERIAN
REV. JAMES MCKENZIE, Pastor
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Girls' Meeting—all teen-age girls—Sunday, 8:30 A. M.
Couples Service—Monday, 7 P. M.
Mid-week Prayer Service—Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

FIRST CHRISTIAN
REV. P. M. WATKINS, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Vocational Council meeting at 8:00 P. M.
Prayer Service at 7:30 o'clock.
Wednesday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

STATION CHAPEL — NA'S
COR. M. A. CUPPY, Chaplain, USN
Catholic—Mass 9:30 Sundays, Confessions 1630-1715 Saturdays and 0915 Sundays.
Protestant—11:00 Sunday morning worship; 11:00 Sunday Children's Institute Church; 1945 Wednesdays, choir rehearsal.

CENTER HILL BAPTIST
REV. HENRY V. NAPIER, Pastor
Morning worship at 11 o'clock first and third Sundays.
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
E. U. at 7 P. M.
Evening worship at 8 o'clock second and fourth Sundays.
Prayer service Thursday at 8 P. M.

EDENTON METHODIST
REV. J. EARL RICHARDSON, Pastor
Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.
Prayer service Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST
REV. L. C. CHANDLER, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Prayer service every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and every Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.

WARWICK BAPTIST
REV. R. B. COTTINGHAM, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Prayer service at 11 A. M.
E. U. at 7 P. M.
Prayer service at 8 P. M.
Prayer service Thursday nights at 8 o'clock.

SANT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL
REV. GEORGE B. HOLMES, Rector
8:30 A. M. Holy Communion.
9:30 A. M. Church School.
10:00 A. M. Adult Bible Class.
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship.
7:30 P. M. Young Churchmen.
Wednesday, 10:30 A. M. Holy Communion.

YEOPIM BAPTIST
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Prayer services every first and third Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

BALLARD'S BRIDGE-BAPTIST
REV. LAMAR SENTELL, Pastor
Sunday School Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Prayer services at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD
REV. JOHN MARTIN, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Prayer service at 11 A. M.
W.P.C. Sunday at 7:30 o'clock.
Evening worship at 7:30 o'clock.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
R. P. LONG, Congregational Servant
Bible study at 3:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Kingdom Hall.
Bible study Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.
Service meeting and ministry school Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
REV. AND MRS. OTTIS DENTON.
Gems of Devotion Broadcast Sunday at 9 A. M.
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.
Children's Church at 9:30 P. M.
C. A. Service at 7:30 P. M.
Evangelistic service at 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 P. M.

ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC
FATHER C. F. HILL, Pastor
Sunday Masses 8:00 and 11 A. M.
Mass at Base Chapel 9:30 A. M.
Confessions Saturday 7-8 P. M.
Information Class Monday, 7 P. M.
Wednesday 8 P. M.
Novena Devotions: Wednesday, 7:45 P. M. Phone 2617.

EVANS METHODIST
REV. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor
Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 9:30 A. M.

CENTER HILL METHODIST
REV. FRANK FORTESQUE, Pastor
Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

COLORED CHURCHES
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST
REV. F. H. LAGUARDE
Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.
Morning service at 11 o'clock.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Young people's service Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock.
Young people's and senior choir practice Friday nights at 8 o'clock.
Men's Bible Class meets Monday night at 8 o'clock.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST EPISCOPAL
REV. CLYDE BRATT, Minister
First Sunday at 11 A. M., Holy Communion and sermon.
Second Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion.
Third Sunday at 9 A. M., Holy Communion.
Fourth Sunday at 11 A. M., morning prayer and sermon.
Sunday School each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
ELDER J. A. SAWYER, Pastor
Every second and fourth Sunday.
Pastor's Day
Every first and third Sunday. Church Day.
Sunday School at 11 A. M. to 1 P. M.
Prayer and Bible Band Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.
Wednesday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.
Thursday night choir practice at 7:30 o'clock.
Friday night Pastor's Aid Society at 8 o'clock.
Saturday night young people's Bible quiz and recreation.

WARREN GROVE BAPTIST
REV. J. E. TILLET, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Prayer service at 11:30 A. M. every second and fourth Sunday.
Church School at 10 A. M. Mission Union meets every fourth Sunday after the morning service.

WELCH'S CHAPEL BAPTIST
REV. W. H. DAVIS, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Prayer service first Sunday at 11:30 A. M.

ST. JOHN BAPTIST
REV. P. MORGAN, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Services every first and third Sundays at 12 o'clock noon.

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REV. M. H. EBON, Pastor

UNION GROVE A. M. E. Z.
REV. J. E. GORDON, Pastor

RYAN GROVE BAPTIST
REV. M. A. RIDDICK, Pastor

GALE STREET BAPTIST
REV. RAYMOND A. MORRIS, Pastor
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Services every second and fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.
Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

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REV. R. WILLIAMS, Pastor
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Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

PLEASANT GROVE A. M. E. Z.
REV. J. J. SPYER, Pastor
Sunday School at 10 A. M.
Morning worship service at 11 o'clock.
Choir rehearsal Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

CANAAN TEMPLE A. M. E. Z.
REV. W. H. STEPHEN, Pastor
Sunday School at 10:15.
Morning worship at 11:30 o'clock.
Young People's meeting at 8 P. M.
Evening service at 7:30 o'clock.
Thursday night first Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.
Wednesday night second Senior Choir practice at 8 o'clock.

HAWKINS CHAPEL A. M. E. Z.
REV. M. H. EBON, Pastor

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The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verse
Sunday	Luke	2	21-33
Monday	Luke	2	41-51
Tuesday	Matthew	2	18-23
Wednesday	Gospels	18	10
Thursday	Proverbs	23	22-25
Friday	Proverbs	1	6
Saturday	11 Timothy	1	6

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