

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT
Text: "Come before His presence with singing."—Psalm 100:2.

The song book of the Bible and the prayer book are the same book. When you read the Psalms you are reading and praying, too.

A man may not know notes from mosquitoes or a barbed wire fence, but he can holler the words and make a joyful noise.

Jesus and His disciples sang Psalms 117, 118 and 119 on the way to the Cross.

Christianity was born in a graveyard and we still sing at funerals. We are not happy because they are gone but glad because they are more alive than ever. We feel like shouting every time we see a tombstone.

The early Christian movement was a boundless enthusiasm. The worldly crowd is trying to duplicate this but they cackle like a hen that sees a snake. Christian joy is a fruit that does not grow in nature's barren soil.

Family Planning Questions

"Newlyweds, Wait For The First One"

Q. Why should newlyweds practice family planning?

A. When a couple gets married they have many adjustments to make. Both husband and wife soon realize that they have a lot to learn about each other. They need time to learn each other's likes and dislikes concerning little things they never thought of before marriage.

It usually takes a year or so of marriage to adjust to each other well enough that a new baby coming into the home will be a blessing instead of a calamity. New babies can put a strain on the husband-wife relationship. If the couple is not able to bear this new weight, serious consequences result.

Caring for a baby is a full-time job with no vacation or days off. Time once used to relax together must now be spent meeting the baby's needs.

The economic strain on the family is obvious. Many women want to work a few

years before having their first child. Others want to continue their education. These things can combine to make a woman a better mother because she has more to offer her child. If she becomes pregnant before finishing school or before she gets a job, it will be very difficult to continue her education later, and the economic benefits from the new job are lost completely.

The risk of danger to the health of mother and baby is great during the teen years. The safest time for birth is while the mother is in her 20's. By waiting until she is in her 20's to have her first child, a woman can ensure a safer delivery and the intervening years can serve to help the couple make better preparations for the baby.

Newlyweds who do not postpone having their first child until they can give a new baby the attention, love, patience, food and clothing he deserves are not being fair to themselves or to the baby. By waiting they can have a healthier happier baby in a healthier happier home.

For further information or appointment, call your private physician, local health department or local EIC office.

Robert E. Bulls Earns Promotion

FAYETTEVILLE—Robert E. Bulls, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Bulls, Route 1, Edenton, has been promoted to staff sergeant in the U. S. Air Force.

Sgt. Bulls is a weapons control technician with a unit of the Tactical Air Command at Pope AFB.

The sergeant is a 1966 graduate of Chowan High School, Tyner. His wife is the former Margaret L. Klages.

Research additions costing \$11 million will be constructed at VA hospitals in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Ann Arbor, Philadelphia, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque, Wilmington and Jackson, Miss.

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Make Going To Church A Habit

ALL OF LIFE FOR CHRIST

International Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 27

Memory Selection: "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."—I Timothy 1:7.

Lesson Text: Philippians 3:1-21.

As we approach the end of an old year, and look forward with shining hope to the beginning of a new one, perhaps this is an appropriate time to assess ourselves in the light of what we have learned in the lessons of this past quarter. Our first unit dealt with the nature of the Christian faith, while the second dealt with Christian maturity in that faith. The responsibilities entailed have been set forth at length. And now we come to the present lesson—a fitting conclusion of the series—for it challenges every believer to live his faith in the most positive fashion of which he is capable.

Our studies for today lie once again in the mighty penmanship of the Apostle Paul. Few writers have been able to approach his style and clarity—maybe because Paul wrote from the heart.

Paul felt very strongly (and in this he was one with Christ himself) that the prerequisites of salvation lay not in the formal religious rites and ceremonies which were highly regarded at that time, but, rather, in genuine devotion to Christ alone.

Within the context of our lesson "All of life for Christ!" the story of Paul speaks eloquently. Born Saul of Tarsus, he had a proud inheritance from a revered ancestry. A prince among men, he lived within the confines of his duties, accepting the rigors of counting himself a man among men for so doing. But when he became a convert, he repented his previous life. From a persecutor of Christians he became their most stalwart ally, their most inspired leader. He put his life behind him, as he had known it, with its ease and riches, and became spartan in his dress and in his mode of living. And he counted everything well lost for Christ. His values changed, his eye became more perceptive, his heart more understanding. Paul saw in Christ not only the answer to the needs of his own soul, but the answer to the needs of the world, and he zealously set about bringing this knowledge to the people. Paul completely identified himself with Christ, and fully acknowledged Christ's possession of his life.

Conversion, such as Paul's can be ours, too. Time and distance and history do not preclude it.

We, too, need to guard ourselves against the outward trappings of faith. If we do not give of ourselves while participating in them, then they become meaningless; they do us no good, and they certainly displease God.

If we do not give of ourselves in His service, as day follows night in our life span, then we are wasting our lives. We will leave the world untouched by our existence, and ourselves empty vessels. We will have wasted so much of that

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Sunday Matthew 3:1-17

Monday John 12:20-36

Tuesday Isaiah 9:1-7

Wednesday Isaiah 11:1-10

Thursday Isaiah 61:1-11

Friday Micah 4:1-7

Saturday Micah 5:2-4

The candle has been lighted in the lamp beside the door. The greens are hung, and the children are in a state of wild anticipation. Soon we'll read the Christmas story and sing carols for the Christ Child.

Flames flicker on our hearthstone and in their depths gleam memories.

A small boy, cold and hungry, kneels crying by his mother's bed. Then kind hands lift him. Ladies from a nearby church bring a basket for the widow, and save her life.

On a Pacific island, a badly wounded soldier moans with pain. Tenderly, a chaplain bathes his face, then opens a tattered Bible and begins to read. Anguish and suffering recede and hope stirs faintly.

Now the fire crackles. I stir the embers and thank God for the ministry of dedicated people.

Your church interprets God's gift of love to the needy and the helpless. Let us worship there.

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Sincerely,

D. E. Earnhardt

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That the List Takers for Chowan County will sit at the following places at the times named, at which places and in which month all property owners and taxpayers are required to return to the List Takers for taxation for the year 1971 all Real Estate, Personal Property, etc., which each one shall own on the 2nd day of January, 1971, or shall be required to give in then. All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required under penalty imposed by law.

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January 12—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center
January 19—8 A. M. to 5 P. M. Archie Nixon's Store
January 26—8 A. M., to 5 P. M. M & R Service Center

By Appointment Only at Home

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January 14, 28..... Byrum's Service Center
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