

The Wayside Pulpit

By D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "Adorn the Gospel of God."—Titus 2:10.

Don't let any lopsided man tie you down and brand you. God has called us to freedom and not to slavery. As to Fundamentalists and Modernists, be neither one.

The Salvation of God is not a doctrine but a Person. This Christ Person can save the meanest man in the county. The only reason He has not done it is that person has not surrendered to Him.

All denominations belong to Me. I allowed one of them to have My name but I want all of them to have Me. The bigger a man gets the harder it is to tell what denomination he is connected with.

As to the race question, the first of all commands is "thou shalt love." At the Judgment Day the black man is going to turn pale and the white man red if they find too late that they hate each other.

Event Planned At St. Paul's

The congregation of St. Paul's Episcopal Church will meet Wednesday to adopt the 1971 parish budget and to elect vestrymen for a three-year term.

The occasion will begin with a pot-luck supper at 6:30 P. M. in the Parish House on Gale Street.

Being the Epiphany the Feast of Lights will be a portion of the evening observances.

Reports will be heard from the Churchwomen, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Young Churchmen.

Parishioners are urged to be present and to give thought to the nomination of qualified persons to serve on the vestry.

CHRISTOPHER A. COX

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cox of Burgaw announce the birth of a son, Christopher Andrew, on December 19. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are former residents of Edenton.

Family Planning Questions

Q. I have read that the "population explosion" is supposed to produce wars in the future. Do you think it really will?

A. There has been some controversy in the past between those who say that population pressures were the basic cause of a number of small wars, and others who say that population growth really had little to do with any given war. Perhaps it is a question of the degree of influence population growth has rather than its being the only cause of a war.

The Organization of American States recently concluded that an outbreak of fighting between El Salvador and

Honduras in July, 1969, was caused chiefly by rapid population growth.

El Salvador is small and densely populated. Over a period of 30 or 40 years some 300,000 Salvadorans had crossed the border into neighboring Honduras looking for jobs and farmland. It was a natural migration in that Honduras was much less "crowded." Efforts by Hondurans to remove the Salvadorans from their land and deny them ownership rights led to the conflict.

We do not know whether this type of problem will arise elsewhere in the future. But, at the present time, no one can safely say that it will not.

Lunch Room Menus

Menus in lunch rooms of Edenton - Chowan County Schools for January 4-8 will be as follows:

John A. Holmes High School
Monday—Cubed steak with gravy, whipped potato, green peas, rolls, butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

Tuesday—Meat loaf with gravy, candied yams, string beans, corn bread, butter, jello, milk.

Wednesday—Fried chicken with gravy, buttered rice, green lima beans, orange juice, rolls, butter, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday—Fillet of fish, French fries, cole slaw, corn bread, butter, devil's food cake, milk.

Friday—Cheeseburger with bun, potato chips, buttered corn, peach cobbler, milk.

White Oak Consolidated School
Monday—Spiced ham, buttered corn, cheese wedge, green lima beans, block cake, rolls with butter, milk.

Tuesday—Cheeseburger on bun, mustard and catsup, green beans, potatoes, block cake, milk.

Wednesday—Oven fried chicken, buttered mixed greens, buttered rice, chilled fruit, rolls with butter, milk.

Thursday—Fish portions, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, lemon glaze cake, corn bread, milk.

Friday—Hamburger on rolls, mustard and catsup, French fries, green peas

chocolate cake, milk.
Ernest A. Swain Elementary School

Monday—Luncheon meat, green beans, carrot and cabbage salad, rolls, butter, apple pie, milk.

Tuesday—Stew beef with onions, carrots and potatoes, collards, biscuits, butter, pineapple, milk.

Wednesday—Ravioli, buttered corn, rolls, butter, chocolate pudding, milk.

Thursday—Perch fillets, cole slaw, corn field peas, corn bread, butter, pineapple upside down cake, milk.

Friday—Baked ham, garden peas, candied yams, rolls, butter, fruit jello, milk.

Chowan High School
Monday—Beef and vegetable soup, frank, peanut butter, devil food cake with chocolate icing, rolls and crackers, butter, milk.

Tuesday—Pizza with hamburger and cheese, carrot and cabbage salad, prunes, mixed fruit, rolls and butter, milk.

Wednesday—Stew beef with potatoes, onions and carrots, tossed salad, pineapple, apple sauce cake, rolls and butter, milk.

Thursday—Fried chicken, sweet potato puff, green peas, raspberry jello, rolls and butter, milk.

Friday—Hamburger on bun, French fries, cole slaw, apple cobbler, rolls and butter, milk.

D. F. Walker Junior High School
Monday—Frankfurter, mustard, pork and beans, cabbage and carrot salad, rolls, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday—Chuck wagon steaks, buttered potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter, cranberry-orange salad, milk.

Wednesday—Beef-vegetable soup, toasted cheese sandwiches, crackers, coconut cake squares, milk.

Thursday—Beef patties with gravy, steamed rice, field peas with snaps, biscuits, butter, jello, milk.

Friday—Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, rolls, butter, apple crisp, milk.

60th ANNIVERSARY
Mr. and Mrs. Carey Parrish of Edenton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Christmas Day. They are parents of Ralph, Yates and Jimmie Parrish of Edenton and Frank Parrish of Virginia Beach, Va., and have 12 grandchildren.

LEGION DINNER
The Edward G. Bond Post No. 40, American Legion, will have a dinner meeting at the Legion hut on Tuesday. All Legionnaires are urged to attend. For reservations for dinner, contact Guy Toppin at 482-2222.

Make Going To Church A Habit

JESUS' USE OF PARABLES

International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 3

Memory Selection: "Nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear."—Luke 8:17-18.

Lesson Text: Isaiah 6:9-10; Matthew 13:1-30, 34-43.

Today's lesson marks the occasion of a brand New Year, and our opportunity to do with it what we will. Let us hope that as it pursues its course, the mark it leaves on our lives will be the mark of Christian maturity.

To this end this lesson is concerned with the parable—and with Christ's use of it within the confines of His teaching. He used parables when He conversed with the people much as a carpenter uses his tools; He used them to shape their thinking, to stimulate their interest, to give them a "slide rule" with which to govern their lives and actions. Today, they are just as valuable to us.

For Christ, and for His listeners, the parable linked the familiar, known things with the unfamiliar intangibles; they stirred their interest, and stimulated thought. For the parables had to be interpreted and used as a measuring stick against a varied array of circumstances. This was particularly important, since Christ dealt with intangibles. Sensitive, wise, understanding, His eyes saw what others could not; His ears heard nuances which were denied to ordinary people. Through close association with Christ, the Apostles were more finely attuned to His thinking; not so the multitudes. Average, hard-working and realistic people, they had to be reached through the medium they most readily understood—basic situations with which they could realistically relate. Thus, we find Jesus' parables couched in terms of fishermen and farmer . . .

Perhaps in the fact that the Apostles were more attuned to Christ's reasoning than the multitudes there is a lesson for us, present-day Disciples of Christ.

Most assuredly a sense of close kinship with God breeds an intensified awareness of His goodness, His purpose, His all-encompassing love, just as the twelve Disciples were more acutely attuned to Christ's intentions than those outside that select circle.

Christ, during His short sojourn among men, tailored the dosage of knowledge to the individual capacity to absorb and analyze that knowledge. And comprehension of the truth is still largely a matter of personal enterprise, of personal motivation. The more intimately we involve ourselves in Christ, the more adequately we align ourselves with the understanding of spiritual truth.

To be so blessed we need to exercise both obedience and self-discipline. The two cannot be separated. Indeed, they combine to make one of the most rigorous lessons man has to learn—in his questing throughout life! How—

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As bells ring and horns blow, a new year dawns around the world. In every land men celebrate its coming, variously, according to tradition.

One custom seems almost universal . . . an assessment, a review of the past year and the resolution to do better—in one's vocation, in one's attitude toward family and neighbor.

What is this spark that

makes men seek a higher plane? It is the yearning that set the Wise Men's feet to follow a star, the longing of the multitudes that thronged the hills of Galilee to hear the words of Jesus, the thirst of every man to know God's presence in his life.

In this age of chaos and confusion there is no better resolution than to attend our churches where wisdom and compassion are taught.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jeremiah 33:14-21	Malachi 3:1-5	John 1:1-14	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 1:46-55	Luke 1:67-79	Luke 2:1-20

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May we all live our lives so that this will be the Happiest of New Years.

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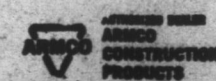
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