

Wayside Pulpit

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TEXT: "In the midst of crooks." Phil. 2:15

If we harbor crooks in our churches and our church colleges we betray the very religion which we represent. Instead of honoring them and catering to them it behooves us to evangelize them and introduce them to the Man of Galilee. The Pentecostal Church is the most rapidly growing church in the world today because it holds to this ideal. The people good and bad want their church to be good. I have known people who were mean in their support of their church. I knew them because they were my members but I could not indorse their attitude.

A girl told me she had rather marry a man with a little devil in him. What she really meant was that he would be more interesting if you could not tell what he was going to do next. To that I say amen, selah and also hotdog.

How are you going to tell whether a man is morally good or bad? Find out his attitude toward money, women and God. If he looks at a dollar bill like a cat watching a bird, if he stares at a woman like a hound trees a squirrel, if he uses God's name in profanity, stand it if possible and avoid it if you can.

Award Is Given Chowan Student

MURFREESBORO —

Beechye Lou Ward of Tyner received the Highest Scholastic Average (Freshman) Award during the annual Honors Day program at Chowan College May 9.

Beechye is a graduate of Chowan High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward. Chowan is a two-year Baptist coeducational college. Commencement, to be held May 20, will close Chowan's 125th year.

Letter To The Editor Mrs. Sadler, 67, Taken In Death

Dear Sir: This letter is in reference to the censorship of Mr. R. L. Satterfield, band director, by the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Discipline: There are two methods of disciplining high school students — physical punishment and suspension from school. When my older children attended Holmes, physical punishment was used. However, it is no longer acceptable. Therefore, suspension is the only present means of discipline.

This fall, at a faculty meeting, the faculty was informed that students suspended from school would no longer receive a zero for the work missed. He would, instead, be able to make up his work, including tests missed while suspended. The principle behind the decision was that a student's grades should reflect only his academic work, not his conduct or attitude. For college bound students, this was particularly important.

Mr. Satterfield protested this decision. He realized that suspension without a failing grade becomes a mere three-day holiday for the student. However the rule was made. No student is now penalized for being suspended.

Therefore any student can flaunt a teacher's attempts at discipline, stay home for three days, and return to school without fear of making a low grade.

Mr. Satterfield must take the band students on many bus trips and enforce discipline in non-school as well as school situations. I would appreciate some suggestions from the board of education as to the type of discipline they suggest.

Incompetence: Since Mr. Satterfield is band director, incompetence in this case undoubtedly means incompetence in teaching music. Perhaps the board prefers the music of Chopin and Beethoven to the music which the John A. Holmes band plays. I prefer that music too. But once again, one must understand Holmes High School.

It is a school which tries and

succeeds in giving students high academic standards. It is also a school of two social groups. There is an "in" group and an "out" group. Membership in the "in" group comes from family position, money, athletic ability and athletic excellence. The "in" group is small. As a rule it does not include the vocational or occupational students. These vocational and occupational students are spectators while the "in" group receives awards; election to school offices; privileges; and the plaudits of the school and the community. One organization is open to all...the band. Here a student may participate regardless of family, money, athletic ability or academic excellence. He may go on trips; many for the very first time may see a town older than Edenton; he may wear the band uniform; he may perform on the stage in front of the whole school; he may BE SOMEBODY. Anyone watching the band march and play can feel the joy of the students participating. All at once it is THEIR school and they are part of it.

Mr. Satterfield has included any and all students in his band. I am sure some of them are very pitiful musicians, but they are very happy students. The music they play speaks to them...they dance through the halls of school after a practice to the remembered beats. It is their band and their school. The student who is part of his school does not wantonly destroy it. He does not feel alienated from the "in" group. He deserves more than the laughter of rather rude townspeople at a football game.

Mr. Satterfield has had such a limited budget that he can hardly afford to repair old instruments, much less buy new ones. New music and new uniforms are beyond reach. There is an old saying, "Put your money where your mouth is." I would like to see the board of education put more money into improving the band and perhaps open a few doors to the "out" group of Holmes High School.

Perhaps they might have a different opinion of Mr. Satterfield if they tried to accomplish discipline without any tool of discipline; if they tried to have a concert band with no money and students with more heart for music than talent for music.

After all, if they really wish to hear Beethoven and Chopin they can always buy a record and play it on the stereo. That's what I do.

Iris Shelley Etheridge

Alvah Earnest Sadler, 67, died Saturday morning in Norfolk General Hospital. Mr. Sadler was a native of Tyrrell County, son of Mrs. Emma Armstrong Sadler and the late Edward C. Sadler. He was the husband of Mrs. Lida Holland Sadler. Besides her mother and wife, surviving are a daughter: Mrs. Jane S. Butler of Suffolk, Va.; a son, Edward L. Sadler of Nags Head; three sisters: Mrs. Alma Mountcastle and Mrs. Antha Cobb, both of Suffolk; and Mrs. Alice Tompkins of Virginia Beach, Va.; two brothers: Aubrey E. Sadler of Virginia Beach and Alison E. Sadler of Suffolk.

Funeral services were held at Main Street United Methodist Church in Suffolk at 2 P.M. Monday with Rev. Kenneth Whetzel officiating. Burial was in Holly Lawn Cemetery. R. W. Baker & Company Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Chowan Students Given Degrees

A record 3,000 degrees were conferred Saturday by N. C. State University. Students from every county in North Carolina, the 50 states, and many other countries were among those receiving degrees in the University's 84th annual commencement at Reynolds Coliseum.

Chancellor John T. Caldwell conferred the degrees in morning ceremonies attended by some 6,500 parents and friends.

The quarter-mile-long academic procession was led by 600 faculty in the colorful academic gowns of universities around the world from which they earned their degrees.

Following are the Chowan County students, their degrees, fields of study, parent's name and addresses:

EDENTON Bachelors — Donald W. Jordan, forestry. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jordan, Route 2; William A. Ross, vocational industrial education, Mrs. Kathleen E. Ross; Frederick W. Sexton, textile technology, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sexton, Jr., 107 West Albemarle Street; Raymond M. Thompson, Jr., mechanical engineering, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Thompson; William H. Wells, Jr., civil engineering, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wells, Route 2.

TYNER Bachelors — Jerry B. Hare, textile chemistry and textile technology, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Hare, Route 1.

IS THE CHURCH PART OF YOUR LIFE?

GOD'S GRACE SUSTAINS US International Sunday School Lesson for May 20, 1973.

LESSON TEXT: Isaiah 40:25-31; 2 Corinthians 4:15; 12:9-10; Philippians 4:10-13.

The church is charged with the winning of souls to Christ. To this end it puts forth all endeavors; but the truly alert church — the church that is in step with the times, and the one which takes its task seriously, does not stop working once that goal has been achieved!

The first step has been accomplished; but many more remain. For the ministry has continuing needs if it is to be truly an effective member of the Christian movement.

Each person won to God is in the enviable position of having a service to be rendered, and a witness to be borne. Armed with the deep personal assurance of God's grace working within him, the necessity of sharing his experience becomes insistent in his heart.

What, exactly, is meant by "grace"? It is kindness and mercy, and wholehearted forgiveness; it is a sense of spiritual renewal, a knowledge of a deep inner strength. It is sustenance in times of trial, on both personal and national levels. It is comfort and solace in the oppressed. It is God's own mercy.

No one was more acutely aware of the blessings attendant upon God's grace than was the apostle Paul. It was an integral part of his being, and its radiance shone through in his every thought and deed. It won him the love and loyalty of those to whom he preached the Gospel, and in turn, their devotion sustained him and brought him comfort in his countless hours of need. But their care for him was but the frosting on the cake. He had a deeper assurance, within himself; God walked with him in his travels. Through his close communion with the Lord he was enabled to accept feast and famine and adjust to each. His strength came from a Savior who subjected Himself to poverty, to the ignominy of the cross and still rose triumphant despite rejection by those whom He had come on earth to save.

And it is still so today; the Christian believer — and even the non-believer — summons strength from somewhere deep within himself to meet all heartbreak, all disappointments in life. For God stands with those who have accepted Him, and with those who have rejected Him! The difference is that the believing Christian knows from whence his strength comes...and rejoices that he walks with a Friend! And how much easier that knowledge makes his path!

God has never promised that life would be easy; He did not make it so for His beloved Son. Christ never promised His disciples that their path would be untroubled as they carried on His work after His crucifixion; to the contrary, He warned them of the hardships they would be called upon to endure. But out of Christ's travail, and out of the obstacles faced by those whom Christ had chosen to continue His work, stronger Christians were born.

We are inclined to think that salvation is the end of God's will for mankind; not so! It is merely the first step to be taken towards a more Godlike life!

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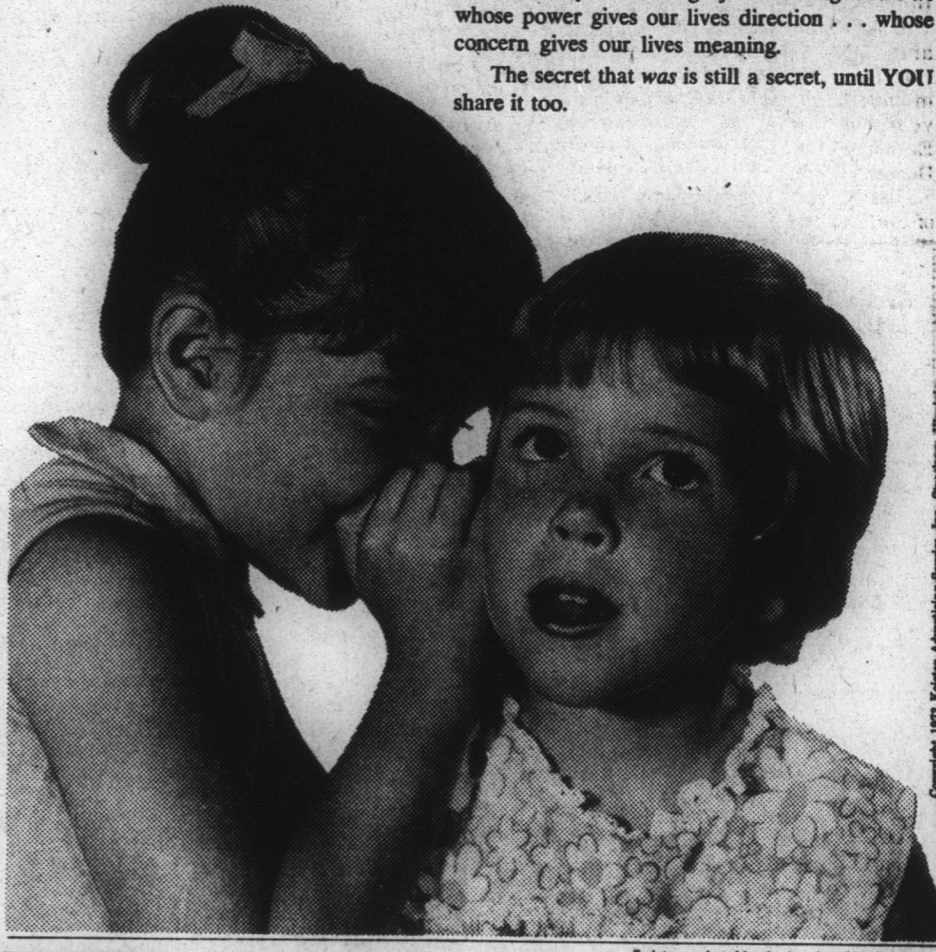


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