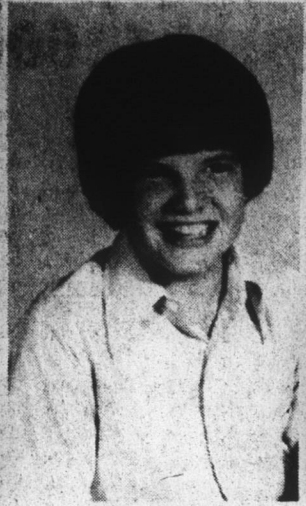




BENITA WARD



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A Prophets Portion

What are the things people fear? Inflation, gas shortage, loss of prestige, growing old, not being accepted by one's peers? A prophet of long ago revealed one thing that the people did not fear—"the fear of God is not in you" (Jeremiah 2:19).

Is this observation truthful even today? Do people, as a whole, fear the Lord God of hosts? Do you really fear God?

Fear of God teaches awe and respect for God. God is no "pal Joey", "grandfather benevolent", or "fire-escape Sam." He is God omnipotent. He not only has all power, He is all power.

Fear of God convicts one of his own sinfulness. The "I" of sin always stands in opposition to God. Awareness, confession, and repentance of sin requires a recognition of the holiness of God.

Fear of God, contrary to much popular theology, does not destroy the concept of the love of God, it really enhances it. When one learns to fear God because of God's "Godness" and his own "manness" he is overwhelmed by the knowledge that God still loves him.

BOB GRAY

Topic Is Chosen For Sunday Sermon

Rev. E. L. Earnhardt has chosen "The Professionals" as the topic for his sermon at 11 A.M. Sunday in Edenton United Methodist Church. Bernard Burroughs will be the lay speaker for the 7:30 P.M. service.

District Essay Winners Are Named

Three Chowan County students won at the district level last year. They will each receive a bronze medal. There essays on American History will be entered in the statewide competition with the winners

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there going on to national judging.

District Eight includes DAR chapters in Edenton, Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount Tarboro, Wilson, Scotland Neck, Washington, Halifax, Snow Hill and Farmville.

College Course At Holmes High

GREENVILLE—A 10-week college credit course, Education 334G, Home-School-Community Relations, will be offered in Edenton beginning March 7, by the Division of Continuing Education of East Carolina University.

It will be taught in three-hour sessions at John Holmes High School, Room 142, each Thursday evening through May 9. Each session will meet from 6:30 P.M.-9:30P.M.

Dr. William C. Sanderson will be the instructor for the course. Pre-registration for the course is desired. If the class is not filled by pre-registration, a student may register at 6:30 P.M. on the night of the first class meeting.

Education 334G carries three quarter hours of college credit

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my thanks to Dr. Voigt nad Dr. Hardin for their services to me while a patient in Chowan Hospital and also to the entire Nursing Staff. Everyone was just great. Chowan County is most fortunate to have a hospital like Chowan Hospital.

MARIE PEELE

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Matthew 9:36 reminds us, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them because they fainted and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

In this we see compassion and pity. Jesus filled with tenderness. Today there are multitudes still who have need of this pity and tenderness that so often is lacking in our world. To be involved in the ministry of sharing in compassionate concern is a blessing for which we are thankful.

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Sunday School Lesson

THE CHURCH EMPOWERED

International Sunday School Lesson for March 3, 1974

LESSON TEXT: Acts 1-2.

For the past thirteen weeks we have been addressing ourselves to the teachings of John; now we move purposefully forward to the Book of Acts, which complements our learning hitherto, for Acts constitutes a blueprint for Christian living, both individually, as members of the Christian faith, and collectively, as a church that is God-oriented.

It is a path, plentifully endowed with signposts, for all who would commend themselves to the furtherance of God's holy work.

Christ, so soon to be betrayed by Judas Iscariot, fully aware of the portent of this act of betrayal, had bidden His beloved disciples to remain in Jerusalem, to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. They therefore, naturally repaired to the Upper Room.

Shaken over the events of the past few days, sorrowful in the terrible sense of personal loss, they nevertheless obeyed the command of the beloved Master. And their obedience bore fruit. For, while gathered together, they experienced the renewal of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Thus nurtured, they felt empowered to go forth and preach the Gospel, girded to overcome whatever obstacles would be put in their path!

Would that more of us—present-day Christians—could feel such truly personal dedication! If we could, as individuals, then so would our church be enriched in spirit and aggressiveness! For a church (as it has been said before) is only as progressive as the individuals who make up its congregation!

In the verses under our study today, emphasis is laid upon two things; they were in accord and in prayer. In this lay their strength. For the church that is divided is only as strong as the fence's proverbial weakest link!

It is written that those assembled were endowed with the power of foreign tongues; that is—they enjoyed a universal language, no matter what their background, their professional calling. Perhaps they were united in the universal language of love—of caring?

And is not that the cornerstone of the Christian movement, as a whole? For we, are instructed—indeed, we are commanded—by the lesson that was Christ's life...to care for our fellowman, no matter what his circumstances or station might be.

It is this translation of the sublime into humanitarian principles which is the backbone of Christianity. We cannot, in all good conscience, prosper if a brother suffers; we cannot turn our backs upon unbelievers if we do not share the joyous message of salvation! This is the tenet upon which the church has grown; and if we do not apply it to our Christian beliefs, on a personal basis, then is the church of our chosen denomination impoverished!

Today we are facing a spiritual revolution amongst our children. How shall we lead them, when we are considered (by them) to be the hidebound "establishment"? Perhaps we need to re-evaluate our thinking—to approach an age-old question with a "tomorrow" attitude?

Christ met all kinds of people on their own grounds—can't we...in His Name?

OUR CHILDREN'S WORLD

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Matthew	1 Corinthians	Mark	Psalms	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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