

News from EVER GREEN CHURCH

by Mrs. Leacie Brooks

Sunday School began at 9:30 a.m. with a song by our pastor's wife, Sister Jessie Locklear, entitled "Somebody Loves Me." Prayer was by Bro. Edmond Locklear, Jr.

The Supt. Bro. Henry Chavis gave all visitors and everyone a hearty welcome. Each class assembled to their rooms.

We are still studying the "Life of Christ." Subject for Sunday's lesson was "From Bondage to Liberty."

We were proud to have Bro. David Karkey with us in the Adult Class. I like to see people like Bro. David willing to work for Jesus. We asked if he would teach the class. And he did. I might add, he did a marvelous job. Our lesson was based on the man in the tombs with an unclean spirit. This man was unable to help himself. We see so many people today in the same state. No man is able by himself to become free of an unclean spirit.

Our lesson told us how this man would be chained with chains, but he would break them and cut himself with stones. But one day he saw Jesus. When he saw Jesus afar off he recognized him and ran to him for help. You see, dear reader, as we said at the beginning, no one can help themselves by themselves.

When this man came to the point he saw Jesus as being Jesus, then he could get the help he needed. Jesus, being the Son of God, spoke and commanded those tormenting demons to come out. And they did. I guess you know the story of how they went into the 2000 hogs and they drowned themselves.

When a person gets to the place they see the bottle, a pill, or needle, or anything of this world can not help and see Jesus as their only source, then that person is in for a new life.

Jesus is a miracle worker. He can do the impossible. If only men and women will recognize him as who he is, ask believing, and then confess the work will be done. Praise God. There is no special person entitled to his kingdom. It is as the word says, "Whosoever will, let him come."

The Junior High Class had the program Sunday. It is Bro. Edmond's class. They sang beautifully.

Those paying their birthday offerings to the church were little Donnie Ray Oxendine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Oxendine and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Oxendine.

The Young People got the attendance banner Sunday. Their teacher, Sister Alice Chavis, was proud of them.

Worship service was opened by Bro. Jimmie Jones. My mother, Mrs. Maggie Locklear bless her heart, was able to be in church Sunday. She was very weak. In a trembling voice she sang a song entitled "If everybody had Jesus what a wonderful world this would be." Dear Reader, could you just for one moment imagine what it would be like if every body had Jesus?

Oh, how I love my mother. She is just a wonderful person. I love to experience seeing her arise and begin singing. To me, her voice is so beautiful. Let's live clean and close to Jesus then one day we'll be able to experience everyone around us as having Jesus. Praise God, I am looking forward to that day. You and you, if you don't have Him, please find Him. One day when you come face to face with Him, you'll need to have Him. If you don't, you'll have to hear Him say "Depart. I don't know you." Oh, how awful to be lost.

Sister Florina Ann Jernington was able to be back in church. Keep praying for her.

Assistant pastor, Rev. Clester Carter, preached for us Sunday. It was a wonderful message, taken from Matthew 26:41-45. He used as his subject "Watch and pray." It is important to watch. It is most important to pray. Prayer will change things.

Monday night the Ladies Auxiliary met at the home of Mr. Horace Oxendine and held service with Mr. Fuller Oxendine. We were proud to have Bro. Cliff Godwin and Bro. Welton Wilkins along with some of the sisters from Oak Grove Church. We had a great time. Please make a special prayer for Mr. Fuller.

Wednesday night prayer service will be carried out by Bro. Henry Chavis. Come join in with us. If you can't, pray the Lord will bless in a great way.

On Friday night, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. the Youth Rally will be held at the Youth Camp if the Lord is willing. Everyone is invited. This is to be a great night for each church in the conference. This is in or near Maxton, NC. If you don't know where to go, just ask around. Someone will tell you. Bro. Jessie Lowry is known by a lot of people and it is where he churches, Youth for Christ Church.

The second Sunday, Aug. 10, is regular preaching day. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Locklear, is to open the door for anyone who wants to join in with us. At 5 p.m. the Youth Program, I always enjoy being with the young people. They never fail putting on a short program or script. It is always wonderful. At 7:00 p.m. we will have Communion Service. The pastor asks anyone who will come to come worship with us in all the services.

Saturday, August 16, all members are asked to be at conference at 2:30. The camp meeting revival is to be held at Ever Green Church beginning August 24. Everyone come, if you can and worship the Lord with us. The moderator of the association is Elder F.D. Oxendine of McColl, SC and Elder Clester Carter. We are expecting a great time in the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Opportunity should begin in our own homes. There is always room for improvement in our own families. We can set a worthy example for the family of which we are a part. Every member of every family needs encouragement. Fathers and mothers can and should take the lead in their families. We have been helped many times by our parents. Sad to say, some families are divided and because of this division are not able to help one another.

Look around you and see nature working together. Our God not only permits this but He planned it. We have seen different phases of nature working hand in hand, as it were.

When a man dies the people ask, "What property has he left behind him?" But the angels, as they bend over his grave, inquire, "What good deeds has he sent before there?" What kind of record will you leave behind you in this world? "What opportunities and encouragement did he leave behind him?" We should be on the alert at all times and seize upon every opportunity to do good. We need to do this today. I proudly think at this moment of many who have blessed my life. Foremost among these is my precious mother. People have helped us to live better whose names we cannot recall.

We should make this resolution: We are going to love everybody and try to help the unsaved to know Jesus. There are some in practically every community whose thoughts are not entered in the love of God.

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