

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## A Ministry of the Burnt Swamp Association

"OBSERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER"  
By Tony E. Brewington

Focal Passage--Luke 22:1-2, 7-20

In last week's lesson we followed Jesus on his triumphant journey from the scenic view on the Mount of Olives to the scandalous violence occurring in the Temple area. The moment for declaring his Kingship had arrived, but with it also came the drama of his ultimate rejection. This Sunday's lesson prepares a table for a final celebration before the crucial sacrifice.

**Verses 1-2--BEHIND THE SCENES**  
A casual glance around the city during the feast of the Passover, an annual obser-

vance of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, gave a carnival picture of masses of people, merriment, and magic in the air. People had flooded from near and far into the streets of Jerusalem to commemorate the deliverance and to make religious sacrifices in the Temple. It would appear that all hearts were set on the preservation of a symbol, but, behind the scenes, a group of men gathered to persecute a Saviour.

**Verses 7-13--BEFORE THE SUPPER**  
The custom of celebration during the Passover was to join families and friends for a supper known as The Feast of Unleavened Bread. In step with that tradition, Jesus would assemble with his

disciples for a final meal. Before the Supper, however, certain preparations were necessary. Two disciples, Peter and John, were sent ahead with instructions to follow a man bearing a pitcher of water. This sign would be unusual in itself and easily spotted since such a task customarily belonged to women. The disciples would be directed to a large upper room already furnished and ready for the meal.

### Verses 14-20--BEYOND THE SACRIFICE

When the hour was come Jesus gathered with his disciples for the Passover meal. While minds reflected back in history to the great emancipation from Egypt, Jesus suddenly spoke of that deliverance which was to come. Jesus, himself, would soon become the eternal sacrifice for the freeing of mankind from the bondage of sin (Hebrews 9:25-28.) Beyond the Sacrifice a special supper would be-

come a very sacred and obedient remembrance of that event, an event that would become an experience for every person who would believe and accept the atonement of Jesus on the cross and present themselves as living sacrifices (Romans 12.)

The bread and wine passed to each disciple would forever symbolize the broken body and shed blood of a crucified Saviour. The sharing of the Lord's Supper should be done often with thanksgiving to God for his deliverance through Jesus Christ. One disciple chose not to reverence and remember but rather to renounce and betray the Lord. When we remember him and consider our ways and wasted opportunities to behold him, we should ask as the disciples did on that evening, "Lord, is it I!"

## Maxton Historical Society to hold Banquet

The Maxton Historical Society will hold a banquet in honor of the 109th anniversary of the chartering of the Town of Shoeheel (later renamed Maxton) on February 16th. The featured speaker will be Dr. Frederick C. Prottitt, a noted authority on railroad history and a retired director of research and development for the Union Carbide Technical Center, Charleston, West Virginia. His topic will be "Bits and Pieces of Maxton History From Special Sources."

Also present at the banquet will be Mr. Philip Letsinger, a Raleigh architect who recently completed an architectural history of Maxton, with over 200 photographs. This work will shortly be available for distribution.

Reservations for the banquet should be forwarded to Mrs. John Moser at the Albert Patterson Memorial Library in Maxton before Feb. 11th, along with seven dollars for the meal. Society membership dues of five dollars may also be sent to Mrs. Moser before March 15th.

## FRIENDSHIP POEMS

The following Friendship Poems were written by the sixth grade students of Mrs. Barbara Brayboy's Language Arts Class at Prospect School.

**MY BEST FRIEND**  
by Tina L. Ransom  
Dedicated to Tabitha Collins  
My best friend is close to me. She is always filled with glee. She is true. Never blue. In her kindest way. She will always stay. As kind as she can be So I hope that You will see What her friendship Means to me. In all my heart I always hope this our friendship Will never fall apart.

**MY FRIEND HOPE**  
by Sharon Jones  
Dedicated to Hope Oxendine  
My friend's name is Hope. She always wears her blue little cloak. When I am hurt, she's always there. Even sometimes she gives me a pear.

It just shows how people love to care. Though half of them don't even share. Hope has always cared for me She's as soft as a little queen bee.

Cute little cheeks, big fat feet, Hope is always nice and neat. Hope and I have cried at times It's just as good as a little silver dime.

I hope we can still be together Which it seems will take forever. There's one more thing I'd like to say. Hope and I are friends to stay. It just shows how I feel about Hope.

**MY BEST FRIEND**  
by Amanda S. Chavis  
Dedicated to Mary E. Barton  
I have a friend her name is Mary. She is as nice as a sweet strawberry. She makes me feel, oh so great. Instead of feeling full of hate! I talk to her every day When we go out to play. She feels me up full of cheer

That's why she's so dear. There will never be a friend ever like Mary Because no one is as sweet as that strawberry.

**MY VALENTINE**  
by Angel Locklear  
Roses are red. And violets are blue My heart is beating only for you. I love you more than words can say. On this happy, glorious day.

**MY BEST FRIEND**  
by Tabitha Collins  
Dedicated to Tina Louise Ransom

Thank God for a friend like you. One who is so wonderful and true. A friend that makes me smile when I'm down. A friend who can turn my sorrow around.

I hope our friendship will continue to grow. As long as the wild wind should blow. But than at last when time shall end, I will still be thankful For you, my wonderful friend!

**MY PRAYER**  
by Tabitha Collins  
Every night I get on my knees. And say "Dear Lord, protect me Through the dark and sinful night. Let me follow Thy guiding light.

**MY FRIENDS**  
by Mary Barton  
I have a friend named Amanda. Her name rhymes with handle We have a lot of fun playing Just around the bend. That's where we get in trouble then. But we're still good friends.

**Dedicated to Amanda**  
My friend is named Robbie. She has a lot of hobbies. We play and have fun. On the beach in the sun. We never get in fights. Cause she is bright.

**Dedicated to Robbie**  
Roses are red. Violets are blue. I have always Been in love with you. **Dedicated to Mrs. Barbara Brayboy.**

## Baha'is in Baltimore hear of Native American Religions and Prophecies

Native American Religions and Prophecies. This topic will be presented on Sunday, February 13, at 12 noon at the Baha'i Center, Baltimore, Md. The Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Baltimore, Inc., is pleased to have Ms. Eliane A. Hopson, a Baha'i from New York City to share this very important talk to the Baha'is and their friends on Sunday, Feb. 13.

Ms. Hopson was born in France and educated in France, her educational career being completed in Paris in mechanical and petroleum engineering. Coming to live in the United States in 1957, she expanded her engineering career to include electrical/nuclear engineering.

Ms. Hopson became a Baha'i in 1962 in Tacoma, Washington, she is now living in New York City and is a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of New York City.

She is an author, having written: *The Baha'i Faith And The Arts*, World Order, A Baha'i Magazine, Spring, 1970, Wilmette, IL USA. An essay, written in French and published in Switzerland on *Native American Religions and Prophecies*, 1980. Recently due to her interest in the study of the relationship of Religion and Science, Eliane has published *Creation and Evolution: A Baha'i Perspective*, published by Newscope Productions, New York, New York, 1982.

In 1970, Eliane and her daughter Marie Samuel created Newscope Cine-Club and cultural workshops at the Baha'i Center in New York City. Under their direction Newscope organized regular feature film showings and cultural workshops of social and educational interest, as well as sponsoring other cultural group performances at the Baha'i Center.

## NEWS FROM OUTREACH HOLINESS CHURCH

by Sister Fannie C. Oxendine

Out Reach Holiness Sunday School begins at 10 a.m. Morning service begins at 11 a.m. Second and fourth Sunday services begins at 7 p.m. The pastor is the Rev. James "Buddy" Bullard Jr.

We praise God for his blessings upon Out Reach Holiness Church most of all for his spirit as Paul said. For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. Let not then your good be evil spoken of.

Our lesson Sunday was entitled "Dealing with Differences." One of the difficulties of the church today involves the maintaining of a truly Christian spirit where differences exist. It was in the early church just as it is today.

As servants of the Lord, we are no longer our own. We do not live for ourselves. We live for the Lord. Even in death we belong to him. Our judgement will come from him, for all of us shall stand before his judgement seat and give account of our lives. It is the righteous life filled with peace and joy that pleases God and

wins the approval of men. Paul calls upon the strong to bear the infirmities of the weak. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things where with one may edify another. Romans 14:9-12. For this end Christ both died and rose and revived that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. So then everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God.

Don't forget the fourth Sunday night. Rev. Stafford Smith and his church will be with us at Out Reach Holiness Church. You are welcome to

our services April 4, 1983. Rev. Stafford Smith will be starting a new program. So keep in mind and let your plans come be with us and I'm sure your soul will be blessed. May God bless and keep you all in next week. Don't forget to pray for all young people that they will turn to God. Sinner, we love you and are praying for Jesus is soon coming.

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