The Sunday School Lesson

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L The Two Spice enter Jericho (Josh. 2:1)

Gud's promise to the Israelites is tout to become reality for them toses has moved off the scene and sahus has become the leader of the copie. Joshua's name Woshea which the liverance; Moses changed it means deliverance; Moses changed it to Joshus or salvation which is typical of Jesus. Moses was a type of the law and Justius was a type of the grace of Cod. The law can bring a person to recognize their need of deliverance, but salvation can only come through grace. Therefore, Joshua, was appointed to lead Israel into the promised land. Even though God was giving Israel the land Joshua had to make preparations to occupy the land. giving Israel the land Joshua had to make preparations to occupy the land that God had promised. There is a saying that people do not plan to fail, they fail to plan. In order to carry out God's plan une must be prepared for the mission to be successful. Joshua was trusting God, but he knew that God wanted him to prepare to move into Jericho. Joshua sent two spies in to gather information about the city the only sent two so that they would be able to move about and gather information undetected. The spies

went to a known promittee's house whose name was Rahab to gather information. They would be less suspicious there plus many of the military people visited there: therefore it was a most likely place to find out about the strangelor.

two men she directed them in the direction of the Jordan river, meanwhile she hid the spies until it was sate for them to leave.

II. Rahub's Persistence for a Promise (Vs. 8-14)

God had used Rahab to protect the spies from danger. Rahab and the people had heard all the stories of how God had delivered them from the hands of the Egyptians and the victories over the Amorites. She told them how the people we faint from hearing what God had done for Israel When we stand for God and allow Him to have preemmence mour lives Him to have preeminence mour lives even our enemies will be at peace with us Now Rahab wanted a favor of the spies. She aak that they deliver her and her family when they came in to take the land. I am reminded of the Philippine jailer when he ask 'sirs what must I do to be saved?' Paul replied believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and the tousehold. God will not only save you but your whole household if you believe So the men promised Rahab that would deal kindly with her and

her family when they come into the land to possess it. That's why it is important for God's people to spread the good news of the gospel that people will believe and accept

her house mother way toward the mountain. They stay there for three days until the soldiers gave up looking for them then they returned to where Joshun was. The spies had told Rahab that the scarlet rope she used to help them must be left hanging beside her house and she must persuade her family to come stay at her house. Also she must be committed to secrecy about what was about to transpire. The spies reported to Joshua all that had taken place and that surely the Lord had delivered the land unto them. They told Joshus how that the people feared israel because of what God had done for them. When we have God on our side we can face any obstacles that come our way if only we will trust God. When we allow God to work in our lives others will see and recognize that we have something the world does not have. Even the world will have respect for God. It is time that we return to the old paths and re-open some of the old wells that we have closed. Let's stand up for Jesus and let the world know that He is alive and well. If you are not saved give your heart to Jesus now. Believe and repent He will save you. God Bless You until next week, pray for us.

Moore Regional Hospital Has Lower Price

Moore Regional Hospital's median charges for nine of 10 hospital procedures are less than the average of eight area hospitals, according to statistics released August 24. Moore Regional's median charges in 10 of 12 categories are also less than the median charges for those major blooms for these major blooms (according

charges for three major North Carolina referral hospitals.

The median charges were made available to the general public through the Consumer's Guide to Hospitalization Charges in N.C. Hospital's published by the N.C. Medical Dutabase Commission the Independent Database Commission was charted by the N.C. General Assembly in 1985 to release medical data to the public. The 1994 Guide is based on data from calendar year 1992.

We recognize that patients are becoming more and more aware of their hospital bill and we consciously seek to have some of the lowest charges you'll find not only in south-central North Carolina, but across the state, said Charles T. Frock, President and Chief Executive Officer at Moore

Chief Executive Officer at Moore Regional Hospital

This is a commitment we have

made on every level in our organization from our Board of Trustees to individual hospital

The largest difference in hospital charges came in total hip replacements. While MRH's median charge is white MKH's median charge is 514.746, the three other referrat centers averaged \$20,990 - 50,244 more than MRH. These three are UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill. Duke University Medical Center in Durham, and Carolinas Medical Center in Chapter in Chapter 19.

The median price is the middle price in the range charged for a particular procedure.

The median charge was released for 12 procedures. In addition to total tip careful procedures and the control of the procedures of the procedures. hip replacement, other procedures include coronary bypass, angioplasty laparoscopic cholecystectomy (gallbladder removal), appendectomy without complications, mastectomy.

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"When people think of Moore Regional Hospital, they primarily think of our established high quality of care through our physician and staff expertise as well as our available technology, said Frock. "We'd also like for patients and employers to know that they can receive this high quality of care at a price which is less

quality of care at a price which is less than most hospitals in this region.

"People should weigh several factors when choosing a hospital. Quality of care, patient satisfaction, proximity, and cost are all issues to be unalled the periods."

The eight other bospitals in MRH's comparison group are AMI Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford, Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, Scotland Memorial Favetteville. Scotland Memorial Hospital in Laurinburg. Richmond Memorial Hospital in Rockingham. Southeastern Regional Medical Center, ilamlet Ilospital in Ilamlet. Montgomery Memorial Hospital in Troy. and Highsmith-Rainey Memorial Hospital in Favetteville.

MRH s median charge was as much as \$6.000 less than the group median charge for an individual

median charge for an individual procedure. In nine of the 10 procedures. Moore Regional patients were charged at least \$1.100 less than the median for the other hospitals. In a comparison against area

hospitals. MRH's median charge was hospitals. MRH's median charge was higher in only one category — vaginal delivery without complication. MRH's median charge of \$2,731 was only \$161 more than the region's eight hospital average median charge and was \$420 higher than the three referral hospitals. Central Carolina Hospital. Scotland Memorial Hospital. Southeastern Regional Medical Central Monty of the second of t Center. Montgomery Memorial Hospital. UNC Hospitals. Duke

procedures.

Moore Regional Hospital also compared favorably against other referral hospitals across the state. In 10 of the 12 areas, MRH's median charge was lower. While teaching hospitals are expected to have higher charges, MRH was substantially lower ontotal hip replacement by an average of \$6,244, MRH was also much lower. of \$6,244. MRH was also much lower on coronary bypass procedures, averaging \$3,325 less than the other three institutions. MRH washigher on vaginal deliveries by \$420 and higher on cholecystectomies by \$22 MRH was also cited for

substantially lower median charges for hysterectomies and

Moore Regional Hospital would like to encourage area residents to stay in this region for their medical care." said Frock. "Hospitals here in south-central North Carolina can meet about 95 percent of the needs of

The Database Commission's data is severity adjusted, meaning that patients near the same sickness level are grouped together, decreasing the argument that one hospital's patients are sicker as a reason for increased charges. To receive a copy of the publically available Consumer's Guide, write to the North Carolina Medical Database Commission, Suite 208, 112 Cox Ave., Raleigh, NC

Moore Regional Hospital serves as the referral center for a 14-county region in south-central North Carolina. and has many technical capabilities usually found only in much larger metropolitan areas. The 400-bed. acute-care, not-for-profit hospital has an active Medical Staff of 118 physicians, a professional staff of more than 1,600, an more than 500

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Readers' Forum

Some Thoughts From a Reader in Greensboro entrance d

Well summer is almost over it ems like vesterday that summer gin, in a little while the days will tart to get short and the nights longer No more frogs and crickets singing heir summer songs, after a long hot las Everyone is asking me about the Lumber race, which I explain to them I am Not Lumber. Thes want

know where mine ancestors come from they did not come from the east coast, but from Rossoke River, not the island. I was surprised to hear this gerson say that they thought the Tuscarora came about because of a split with LRDA. I tried to explain to em it was more to do with historical interpretation, that our people in a way have always been divided. Look back at the Stouan, Cherokee of Robeson County period and before that the Croatan, and the Robeson County Indian period all these were due to the fact the people didn't agree with one another as tar as ideas go.

But you know Mr. Community

But you know Ms. Connee the thing that surprises me most, it even with their differences our ancestors were still able to pull together. But when I look around today I have to ask what happen to that spirit, the willingness to get along even with differences. For a long time Lumbees would say "All the different groups of Turcarora why can't you all yet." Tuscarora why can't you all get long. Well now the shoe is on the ther foot why can't all you Lumbee et along. True the Tuscarora still get along. True the Tuscarora still have a few things to iron out One thing I can say is our problems only effect us, but the Lumbee problem is effecting alot of Indian people across he state. One suggestion I might offer is one which I have stated time and time again. "Stop all the legative talk and finger pointing Remember the old saying "When you point at someone else you are rying to get the attention away from he real problem, yourself". I m sure if we looked around and enough we could all find something positive going on, after all the glass is not half empty, it's unif full.

Getting back to the conversation I was having with my friend Who was telling me about the Tribal hairman debates and the question about reathers came up I didn't think that was the correct question so when I did a little research I found out the question was and I quote Historically, the Lumbee

cultural events, such as pow wows. Indian dancing and the wearing of Indian regalia However, there appears to be a change in this direction. How do you teel about that and are you prepared to interact with this apparent change in attitude as you serve in your elected position. Much to my surprise l as able to see a video tape of the debate and I notice very tew candidates answer this question directl. Who am I overly concern with this question, it really isn't asking would you wear teathers, but more importantly would you interact with traditionalist. I know that in the very near future the Lumbee and Tuscarora will have to start to work together, I pray that who ever wins will be upon minded to this idea. Not only will this person have to work with the Juscarora, but they will come in obstact with various tribes across themation. And the attitude of I'm Indian without feathers is one that sends out a bad message, because we are talking about alot more than

You see this is another difference between Lumbee and Iuscaroras, very few Lumbees want to have anything to do with their Indian traditional side. Maybe I should say very few have wanted to learn about traditional culture, it's always been there you just got to want to know it.
Don't get me wrong I'm not telling anyone to sell their Harley Davidsons and get rid of their suits, even though it would not hurt you for one day. I am not saving we must go back in time of hunting and gathering either Did you know the traditional teachings speak of family values, being of clean mind and spirit, being concerned with one another. It has

alot more to offer than just feathers and beads, many of you were raised to respect your elders and care for the land and animals, these are traditional teachings. Many of you may have a problem with this but when you compare Traditional Native American values and Christian values they are more alike

Native American Traditionalist is fo be a heathen, which far from the truth. I was asked, if your a Christian what about the long hair. I told them the Bible states Jesus was a Nazarite Jew they didn't cut their hair either. The practice of cutting hair was started by the pagan Egyptians, it was not accept among Christian I told her if it's good enough for Sampson and Jesus and my own ancestors then long hair is good

enough for me.
When I hear Lumbees say they have no tradition. I tell them you have more than you are aware of and I not talking about Hog Killings. You want to know why their are so many Churches in Robeson County among the Indian people, if comes from the fact Native Americans have strong religious values. True alot of people who talk the talk, but don't walk the walk, but that still doesn mean we can't learn to deal with on another. I know some of you say all that feathers and beads stuff is alot of foolishness. One of the first rules of reaching a person is you r reach from where they are and no from where you are. This is what the Good Book was talking about when Paul was telling the first missionaries "To mission to the Romans you must be like them". For us to ret the Cherokee and other tribes must become like them and or must become like them and once again I am speaking on the level of traditional values and not just feathers and beads. I wish for just once we would use some of our "Wisdom from the Country" to fix problems instead of just talking about them. After all is said and done it's our future we are talking about. In the True Way,

Derek Lowry



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