

Saddletree Smoke Signals

by A Mary Chavis Jones

Saddletree Greetings
The signals are going to be short and sweet and to the point this week, because guess who is celebrating a birthday on the October 26, 1995? You are right, it is your truly and I plan to spend a couple of days cleansing my spirits with the great coastal airs. Just looking out over that vast nothingness, seems to make me feel for the moment that there are no worries, no problems of any kind, and I am suddenly caught up in the majestic mystique of it all and I just live for the moment. For 34 years of my life I missed out on moments like this, perhaps that explains my love for and need of it now. At any rate a "Big Happy Birthday to Me" and on to the signals.

The Bar-b-que plate sale held at the community grocery last week for Ms. Jackie Brewer was a great success and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brewer and Jackie would like to thank each and everyone who came by to say "Hello", and to help with this endeavor to defray astronomical medical cost as Ms. Brewer is fighting this battle against cancer. Thanks for your support.

Mrs. Hazel Hammond and daughters, Mrs. Ernestine (Hammond) Walker and Mrs. Kathy (Hammond) Lovelace and granddaughters, Penny and Traci, all of the Charlotte area, were visitors to the Saddletree area over the past weekend. Hazel is a sister to Mr. Leroy Lowery (formerly of Michigan), who is now spending some time with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Whitaker, and we are happy to say he is doing very well.

Speaking of the "Whitakers", the signals tell me that they just celebrated 31 years of togetherness!!! Congratulations are definitely in order for Chuck and Pat. I understand they celebrated this special date at the Lone Star for dinner. May you have many returns of your special day.

Signals were forming over Mr. Jeffrey Wynns home this past weekend, as Mr. and Mrs. Wynn hosted a pig picking party for the court house employees along with attorneys, judges, etc. and a great time was had by

all. Our annual Halloween Fall Feast was held over Saturday evening at the home of Mr. John C. and Ms. Gearl Revels, with lots of good fun and food. If you missed it you missed a good time. I look forward to this every Fall. Thanks Johnnie, Gearl, James, and Sylvia for this very special night.

And on Saddletree, we have 2 very happy people and they just happen to be Bill McMillian and Loretta McMillian, a brother and sister who just got new cars! Bill's second and Loretta's first. The neat thing is that they both are alike except different colors. Good luck kids! And drive carefully!!!

And for all of you who would like to catch Mr. Darrell Luster in concert again, he will be at Faith Assembly Church in St. Pauls where Rev. Roy Clark is Pastor. He will be there on Friday, November 3, 1995. If you really want to be inspired, please go out and see this very inspirational concert.

On our sick list this week, please continue to remember Mr. LeRoy Lowery, Mr. Archie Ray Hammonds, Ms. Eula Locklear, Ms. Jackie Brewer, and new to our list is Ms. Rosie Lowery and Mr. Charlie Lowery. When you pray remember them, they desire your prayers.

Also, I just received word that Mr. Normie Holmes is in Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. Let's remember to pray for him, also.

And do not forget Paula Dial's daughter, Paula, who lives in Michigan and is recuperating from her surgery. She is doing very well from all the reports I have received. She would like to thank everyone for their prayers and ask for your continued prayers as she faces this crises head on. I understand that Paula is a very sharp, witty and strong person and is taking it very well. It is "Mom Paula" that has been shattered by this incident and we need to remember them.

Our thought for the week is this: Remember that all things happen for a

reason, some for which we may never know or realize! But there are no problems, only opportunities and out of each crises comes opportunity! Until next week.

The Sunday School Lesson

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A Gospel for Everyone Acts 13:1-5, 14:1-7

- I. Gospel Witnesses (Acts 13:1-3)
- II. Gospel Possibilities (Acts 13:4-5)
- III. Gospel Believers (Acts 14:1-7)
- IV. Gospel Results (Acts 14:24-27)

I. Gospel Witnesses (Acts 13:1-3)

There were prophets and teachers in the church at Antioch, as well as others who were ministering in the church. The Christians at Antioch were on one accord, seeking to do the Lord's will. While they fasted and prayed, the Holy Ghost revealed to them that they needed to send Paul and Barnabas on a missionary journey. When the people of God are in the will of God, then the Holy Ghost can reveal to the whole church things that are the will of God. The Holy Ghost revealed to the church God's will for his servants, Paul and Barnabas. We can see the obedience of the church in that they laid hands on them and sent them on their missionary journey. There are times when the church needs to know what God's will is for missionaries so that they can be supported by the church.

II. Gospel Possibilities (Acts 13:4-5)

The Holy Ghost revealed to Paul and Barnabas where they would go. At Salamis they preached the gospel in the synagogues. The word synagogue in the Hebrew is "A gathering together." The early Christians worshipped in the synagogues until the religious leaders (Jews in charge) stopped them. John Mark went with Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey.

III. Gospel Believers (Acts 14:1-7)

In Iconium, Paul and Barnabas preached in the synagogue and many Jews and Gentiles believed the gospel. As is always the case, the devil has his crowd who does not believe and wants to cause trouble. The Jews couldn't find any fault in Paul and Barnabas, so they tried to speak evil against them to turn the Gentiles against them.

The apostles stood their ground and continued to preach boldly the word of God. God allowed them to speak of signs and to perform wonders to do with their hands. Even with the works of God there was a division, some were with the Jews and some with the apostles. The word of God will bring about a separation of people. It will do one of two things, draw people to the Lord Jesus Christ, or drive them away from God.

The Jews, with their rulers, plotted to stone Paul and Barnabas. Like any sensible person would do in a possible uprising, they made plans for their own safety. They moved on to Lystra and Derbe to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ. As they had done elsewhere they continued to preach the gospel to a lost and dying world.

IV. Gospel Results (Acts 14:24-27)

On their return trip Paul and Barnabas went to Pisidia, Pamphylia, and preached the word in Perga, then down to Attalia. Afterward they returned to the church at Antioch to report. Missionaries normally return to where they started out from after a period of time. Today many return to report, as well as to store up their support. Antioch was the base from which Paul and Barnabas went out from. Certainly the church at Antioch would want to hear how successful their trip had been. They told them how God had opened the doors for them to preach the gospel to the Gentiles and about all the things that the Lord had done on their journey.

When God's people are in His will and sharing the word of God with the lost, then there will be positive results. Souls will be saved for Christ's sake. The grace of God will abound abundantly to all that will accept it. Let us all come on one accord and obey the will of God that the gospel may be preached in power. The results will be positive.

To the unsaved person I urge you to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ who died for your sins. God wants to save you for Christ's sake. Remember that today is the accepted time of salvation. Tomorrow is not promised to anyone. May God bless each of you.

Rose's mobile office to be in area

The mobile office of Cong. Charlie Rose will be in Robeson County on Tuesday, November 7, 1995 and will stop at the following locations: 9-11 a.m.—Pembroke Post Office and 12-2 p.m.—Rowland Post Office. A member of Rose's staff will be available to assist people who have questions, comments or problems with any federal agency or legislation. Appointments are not necessary.

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