

The Sunday School Lesson

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER II Thessalonians 1:1-12

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I. Churches and Their Mission (1:1-2)

In Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians he address it from Silas, Timothy and himself. Paul points out that they are a called group who has a personal relationship with God, the father, through His son, Jesus Christ. Only those who are blood washed can call God father. God is the Creator of all, but he is not the Father of all.

The Grace of God is God's unmerited favor toward sinners which brings peace to man. God gives to us a peace that passes all understanding. When there is peace in the church, the work of God can be promoted without being hindered.

II. Trials and Their Impact (II Thess. 1:3-4)

Trials in our lives bring forth strong faith and growth. Paul commended the Church at Thessalonica for their stand through trials and persecutions. It was appropriate for Paul to express thanks for their strength in the faith.

Being a church that triumphed in trials and persecution, Paul gave thanks to God for their strength. Sometimes it is good to give thanks to those who stand strong in the faith, but we must do it in a way that God is glorified and lifted up.

III. Unbelievers and their Judgment (1:5-10)

After a prayer of thanksgiving for the Saints and their worthiness before God, Paul goes on to remind them there will be a day of judgment for those who have persecuted them. The people of God may suffer at the hands of the ungodly but one day they will receive their just reward. Paul reminded the Saints that God would repay those who had caused them trouble. Many times we are hurt by those who are ungodly just because they can, but there will be a reckoning day for them.

Paul goes on to say that one day

the judgment of God will come into full view and those who are faithful will be at rest away from trouble and persecution. On the other hand those who have been troublesome to the Saints will receive the judgment of righteous God. When Jesus comes in glory the whole world will know that he is the Christ, the son of the living God. Today Jesus is saviour, one day soon He will be judge to all those who do not believe.

Often we wonder why the wicked and ungodly prosper and get by with doing wrong. When Jesus comes in judgment, justice will be carried out fairly. There will be no pay offs to judges and politicians. Every man will be judged according to his deeds and receive his punishment accordingly. All who have rejected the gospel of Jesus Christ will be punished for everlasting destruction separated from the presence of God forever.

To the Saints, Paul gives encouragement for us all. Those who accepted the gospel of Christ because of the testimony of Paul and others will see the glorified Christ and spend eternity with Him. Thank God for the blessed hope that the Child of God has in Christ Jesus.

IV. Believers and Their Fulfillment (1:11-12)

Paul's prayer for the believers at Thessalonica was that they would follow God willing that their life would be worthy regardless of the persecution and trials that they faced. God saved us for Christ's sake but he wants us to live our lives to the fullest in Him. In order to do that which is pleasing to God and have fulfillment, we must allow Him to work in us and through us to accomplish the work He is doing.

The ultimate goal for us is to glorify the name of Jesus Christ through our lives. Jesus is worthy of glory because HE redeemed us from sin that we could be reconciled to God. The Grace of God (God's unmerited favor to man) allows us to love, worship and obey Him.

Unsaved friend, God wants to save you for Christ's sake. From God's word we find that those who trouble God's people and reject the gospel of Jesus Christ will face the judgment of God. There will be no escape from the righteous judgment of God when it comes to those who are unbelievers. Many times in our court system justice is bought with money, but in the court of God, you cannot buy justice.

The price for man's justification was paid at Calvary almost 2000 years ago. God has prepared the way for you to enter heaven through His son Jesus Christ. Turn from your sins now. Ask God's forgiveness and accept Jesus Christ as your personal saviour. He's your saviour now, one day He will be your judge if you fail to repent.

God bless you until next week. Pray for us!

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The weekly meeting was held Tuesday evening at the Town and Country Restaurant with Pres Furne Lambert presiding.

Program chairman for the evening Bob Lowry introduced Mr. Daniel Harvey of the Lumbee Memorial Gardens. It is a great honor to help people and families who have lost a loved one. We help them in procuring family cemetery lots. We help in procuring vaults, making arrangements to take care of your final estate. It is so important. Young people are 34% of burials, a shocking statistic as so many young people end up losing their lives through accidents, and other causes.

When someone passes away you need to know where their records are located. We help in this regard. Family history is very important. Family ancestry genealogies are important. The price of cemetery lots go up 300% every five years. There are charges people do not know about, so we are able to help hold down costs. Also, we have seen recent flooding, which resulted in caskets floating

down the Mississippi River. Perpetual Care is required in North Carolina, so grass cutting is perpetual for ever as escrow funding is required. There is a tendency to over spend as people in time of bereavement are apt to do. So we help them to choose wisely. Our company replaces all damaged markers and lots. Lumbee Gardens is primarily set-up for Native Americans. Our one main interest is love for our family.

Mr. Harvey may be located at his office across from Linda's Restaurant on 711. The telephone number is 521-7300. Their services are available twenty fours a day.

Henry Ward Oxendine, Ticket chairman issued 25 tickets to each member to sell for the fund raising drive for a 1978 refurbished Camaro 228 denoted by Bob Lowry. Tickets are \$5.00. Drawings will be July 5th at Lumbee Home Coming. Time of drawing is 4:00 PM.

Innovation - Albert Hunt, Song leader - Ray Lowry, Reporter - Ken Johnson.

Purnell Swett High News

The PSHS faculty and staff participated in a staff development workshop titled "Catch the Wave" at Myrtle Beach, SC recently. Emphasis was placed upon team building which was presented by assistant principal, Susan Blackman.

Mrs. Felicia Hunt's business management and marketing classes attended a field trip recent to the Robeson County detention center. The tour was conducted by Captain Terry Harris. Sheriff Glenn Maynor also spoke with students regarding the operation of the new detention center.

Amanda Oxendine won first place in the FHA competitive events. She will advance to the State competition in April.

Mrs. Felicia Hunt arranged for interested students to have an opportunity to learn how to complete income tax forms from a H and R Black representative March 6.

The following students have been selected for the all-county musical production of "Guys and Dolls": Rondell McCormick, Misty Henderson, Cassandra Locklear, Brandi McRae, Nathan Cornelius, Billy Chavis, William Trice, and Carmen Deese.

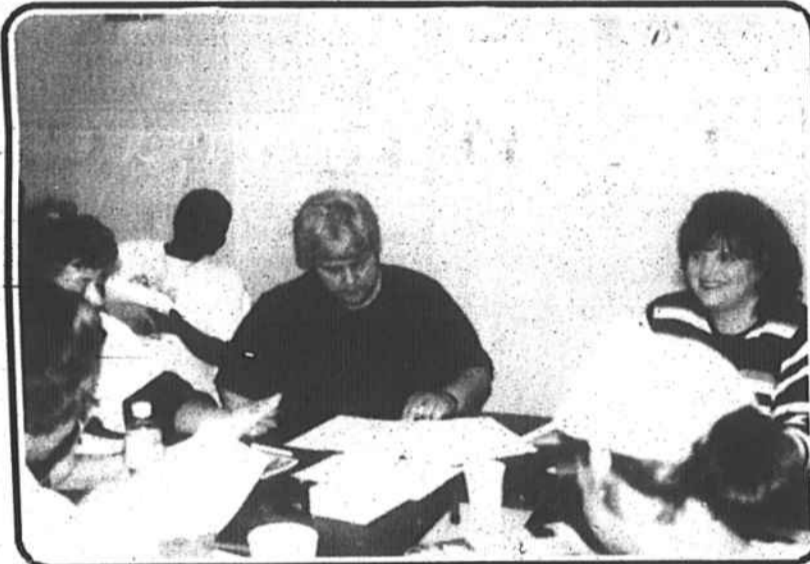
The Lady Rams reached the semi finals as they played against North-ern Nash. With 20 point behind, the players came back to tie the game in the end. Given four points on the clock and two of the leading players who eventually fouled out, the Lady Rams were defeated by eight points with a score of 61-69. Coaches are Thomas Umphrey and Royce McNeill.

Students in band participated in the All-District Band Festival in Fayetteville March 13. Band director is Jamie Palo.

Members of the Young Christian Association, under the leadership of Debra Lowry, and other interested students, attended the Youth Rally which was held at Prospect United Methodist Church March 3. Pastor, Jimmy Jones, as the speaker with his message titled, "Losing Control."

Mr. Al Parnell's Leadership Class participated in an Information Highway Session taught by Rep. Mike McIntyre.

The Arts Department will hold its annual dinner theatre March 21 at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$20 per person and \$35 per couple. Call the school for ticket information at 521-3253.



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AISES students participate in science fair. Shown, back row: Kristy Sampson, Brooke Locklear, Nicholas Bullard, Jason Chavis, Marcus Hunt, Cheryl Jones. Front row: Science teacher, Wilma Godwin, Heather Lowery, Shannon Nuttings, and Jada Locklear.



Purnell Swett science teacher, Wilma Godwin, wins bright idea grant. Mrs. Godwin was given \$1500 in recognition of her professionalism and dedication to the teaching profession.

PEDIATRIC POINTERS

by Dr. Joseph T. Bell
Pediatrician with Robeson Health Care



Last issue we talked about cold symptoms in children. As promised this issue we will talk about how to deal with frequent colds. The first thing to remember is that if your child is gaining to be good. As mentioned last week, it is common for kids to have cold symptoms, especially in the first year of life. Children get over colds by themselves. Although you can reduce the symptoms with medication you cannot shorten the course of the cold. Remember as parents that the long term outlook for kids having colds is good. The number of colds will decrease over the years as your child's body builds up a good immunity to various cold viruses.

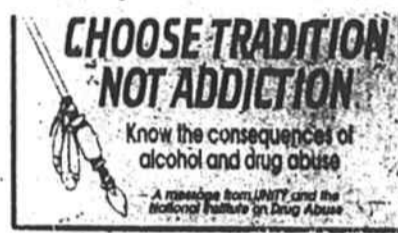
A good rule of thumb is that your child can return to school or preschool when the fever is gone and the symptoms are not distracting to classmates. Gym activities or teen sports may need to be postponed for several days until your child feels well enough to participate in these. It does not make sense to keep a child home until there is no more virus being spread because this could take 2 to 3 weeks. Children shed germs during the first few days of their cold illness, before they even look sick or have

symptoms. In other words contact with respiratory infection is unavoidable in group settings such as school or daycare.

When both parents work, repeated colds are extremely inconvenient and costly. Since the complication rate is low and the improvement rate is slow do not hesitate to leave your child with someone else at these times, perhaps a babysitter who is willing to care for a child for a child with a fever. In general your child may go back to daycare when the fever is gone. There is no reason to prolong the recovery at home if you need to return to work.

Remember, there is no instant cure for recurrent colds and other viruses. Antibiotics do not help unless your child has developed a complication caused by bacteria, such as ear infection, sinus infection, or pneumonia. Remember that colds are not caused by poor diet, lack of vitamins, bad weather, air conditioners, or wet feet. Remember also that the best time to have these inevitable cold infections and to develop immunity is during childhood.

That is all on cold symptoms. Take care. We will talk again next week.



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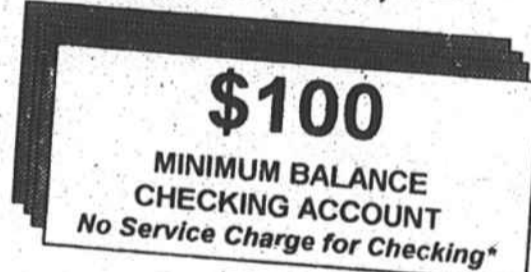
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