

The Sunday School Lesson

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Hold to Sound Teaching Rev. 2:18-29

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I. Embrace Truth's Source (Rev. 2:18)

In today's world if ever there was a time for the church to hold to sound teaching, it is now. With cults and also religions all around, people need to know the truth, especially the people of God. John, the writer, gives the church at Thyatira another aspect of Jesus. He refers to Him as the Son of God, the eternal logos, the truth, the light and the way. John described his eyes as flames of fire revealing that He can penetrate the heart and soul of man. The fine brass reveals the glory of Christ.

II. Be Discerning (Rev. 2:19)
Jesus knew the work of the saints at Thyatira. Their love for others and the willingness to serve. They were a church of great faith, trusting in God, while they endured. All these things in Thyatira cause them not to be as alert as they ought to have been. Sometimes we can have a tendency to let love overshadow wrong in our lives and others. There is a thin line between love and wrong and most of the time, if we are not careful, love will keep us from seeing the wrong.

III. Reject False Teaching (Rev. 2:20-23)

Nevertheless, Jesus had some things that He saw wrong with the church at Thyatira. False teaching had entered the church by one who called herself a prophetess. This false teacher was teaching that they could practice some immorality and serve God. That is not true, has never been true, and will never be so. I am

always amazed at how many church people will accept whoring a little bit and be active in church, but someone with a marriage problem trying to live godly they want to cast aside. When churches allow fornication to go on in the church, we are violating the word of God, especially when we do not speak out against it.

God pronounced judgment on the prophetess and those who were following her teachings. There is not an excuse for the child of God to get caught up in cults or false teaching because we have God's word and the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth.

The judgment that God pronounced on Jezebel would come to pass if she did not repent. Also all those who were influenced by her teaching. They would be an example for other churches to see the result of the judgment of sin.

IV. Follow Sound Teaching (Rev. 2:24-25)

Christ's message to the faithful followers of Thyatira was that He would not put any other burden upon them. They had not followed the false doctrine, neither had they delved into the depths of the devil's ways. Therefore, Christ's instruction for them was to hold fast to the truth. Contrary to what some may say, dabbling in sin is not pleasing to Holy God. He wants us to live holy, pure and righteous.

V. Be Encouraged (Rev. 2:26-29)

Those that are faithful Jesus has

promised power over nations. The overcomers are conquerors through Christ. The saints of God who are faithful will become rulers with Him. Not only that but those who are faithful will have an everlasting fellowship with Christ the morning star.

The message for all churches is to be aware of the dangers of false doctrine, and the judgment of God that will follow, if they fail to repent. God simply wants His people to do right, to be an example to a lost and dying world.

To the unsaved there is no new revelation, but the same truth that you need to be born again. The judgment of God rested upon you waiting for God to execute it. HE is giving you space to repent before He executes judgment. Repent of your sins. Ask God to forgive you and accept Jesus Christ as your savior now. He wants to be our savior now. One day He will be judge of all who refuse to accept Him as savior.

God bless you all until next week. Pray for us.



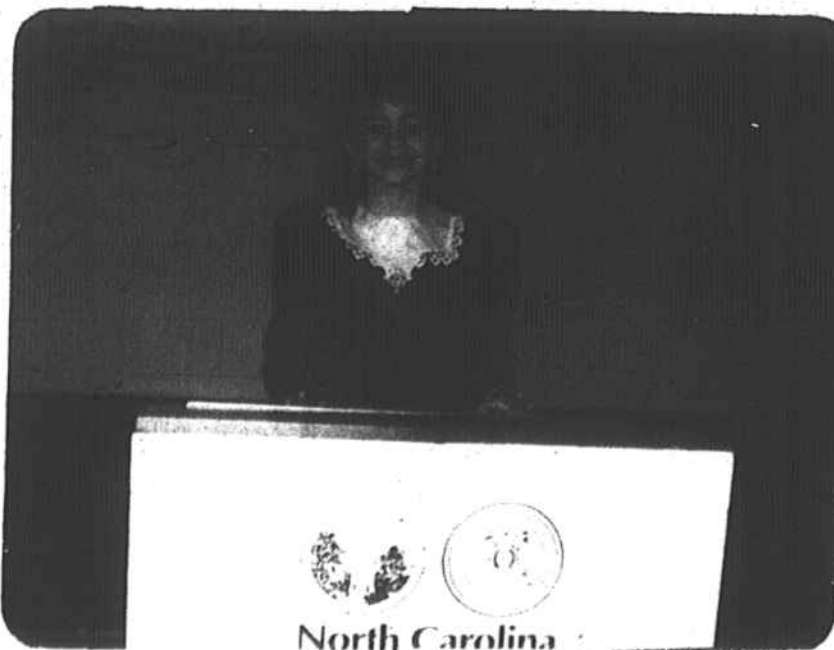
Little Miss Lumbee Angelica Marie Chavis continues to be very busy as her reign nears an end. She is preparing for trips to New York and Washington, D.C. and Oklahoma. She wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers as she proudly continues to represent her crown and her people.
Ms. Betty Campbell, Little Miss Lumbee Angelica Marie Chavis and Ms. Chris Locklear at the Awards Banquet.



Ms. Charlotte Chavis, judge for the Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant, Mr. Monroe Chavis, director of Tribal Enrollment, and his wife, Mary Sue Chavis, and Angelica Marie Chavis, Little Miss Lumbee.



Ms. Vivian Thomas Locklear, assistant principal at Union Chapel School and her student Little Miss Lumbee, Angelica Marie Chavis.



Little Miss Lumbee participating in the 4-H Public Speaking Contest. Her subject was "Harmony."

The Board of Trustees of
The University of North Carolina at Pembroke
and
Chancellor Joseph B. Oxendine
cordially invite you to attend
the naming ceremony for the

Dr. Adolph L. Dial Humanities Building

on Friday, May 9, 1997
at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, 910-521-6249

Eric P. Locklear Earns Pharmacotherapy Certification

Eric P. Locklear, assistant director of pharmacy at Southeastern Regional Medical Center, has earned the designation of Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist (BCPS) from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties of the American Pharmaceutical Association. This designation is pharmacy's highest credential in the specialty practice of pharmacotherapy. Through this certification, "pharmacotherapy specialists demonstrate a defined level of education and training, as well as mastery of the knowledge and skills necessary to meet the public's demand for expert pharmaceutical care," according to the Board.

In order to be eligible for certification, Locklear had to meet advanced training and work requirements and pass the 200-item specialty certification examination. Nationally, the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties has granted certification in pharmacotherapy to only 160 individuals including Locklear.

A native of Pembroke, he earned his undergraduate degree in pharmacy from UNC-Chapel Hill. He also holds master's degrees in both hospital pharmacy and in business administration from the University of Utah.

Locklear joined SRMC in 1990 as pharmacy supervisor. He and his wife Lenore have one son, Hunter.

Larry Pittman, coordinator for Southeastern Recovery Alternatives, has been licensed as a psychological

associate by the N.C. Psychology Board after successfully completing a national exam by the American Psychological Association. He is now qualified to practice in a non-clinical setting when supervised by a doctor of psychology.

Pittman, a native of Lumberton, is a graduate of UNC-Pembroke and holds a master's degree in psychology from Fayetteville State University and is a certified substance abuse counselor. Before joining SRMC's outpatient treatment program for chemical dependency, Pittman was outreach coordinator at Carolina Manor Treatment Center.

Pittman and his wife Nancy are parents of two sons, Justin and Joel.

Jack Crain, coordinator of the Employee Assistance Program at SRMC since 1993, has been certified as a lifestyle counselor in stress management by the LEARN Institute for LifeStyle Management, the Cooper Institute for Acrobatics Research and the American Association of Lifestyle Counselors.

A native of Missouri, Crain moved to Lumberton in 1975. He holds a master's degree in clinical psychology and has held a variety of counseling positions including director of the addictions program at the Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center and clinical director of Carolina Manor Treatment Center.

He and his wife Anne are parents of two sons, Chris and Matt.

New Prospect Church to Perform Drama

New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church, located on Hwy 710, will present a second showing of the drama "The Book of Revelations" on April 27, 1997 at 6:30 p.m. The congregation invites the public to attend. They also welcome all youth groups.

Wilkins & Lowry Reunion to be held

The descendants of Sion and Sarah Wilkins, H.T. (Sonnies) and Rosella (Sis) Lowry will reunite on May 24, 1997 between 4 and 9 PM at Harpers Ferry Baptist Church in Pembroke. Donations: R.F.V.P.: A.S.A.P. \$7.00 min. per person. Children under 10 - \$4.00. For more information contact Hazel Strickland at (910) 521-3663 or contact John Lowry at (301) 587-5434. Send Donations to:
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Purnell Swett High Seniors Named UNCP Chancellor's Scholars

PEMBROKE--Two students from Purnell Swett High School have been named Chancellor's Scholars at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke for the 1997-98 academic year.

Barry Graham, a senior, is the son of Sandra Sanderson Graham of Pembroke. He plans to major in physical education.

Shannon Nicole Nutting, a senior, is the daughter of Suzetta Nutting of Pembroke. She will be majoring in mathematics/computer science.

Chancellor's Scholars at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke receive scholarships worth \$3,000 per year. They take special courses, prepare a Master's type thesis, and receive special recognition at commencement.

West Robeson UMC Church at "the Forks"

by Erwin Jacobs, Member

This is the second article about West Robeson United Methodist Church's activities. The Lord is really blessing this church as the members are reaching out to out youth.

In my first article I couldn't write about all that is happening because it would take up too much space. I mentioned about the youth conducting Easter service, but the church wanted to show them how proud we were of them. The three outstanding in the organizations were rewarded for their work and two received plaques of recognition. And first place received a Bond. Matthew Pulевич was third place winner and Miss Alicia Jones was second place. Miss Nahaven Deese was the recipient of the Bond. They were voted to receive the honors by their peers.

The church had a very successful Box Supper Friday night, April 11th. There were not too many in attendance, but a wonderful time was had by all who came. Afterwards we feasted on the most delicious boxes of food and cake anyone would want to consumer. We want to thank everyone who took part in this fund raising event.

What a day we had April 13th. As you now it was Native American Awareness Sunday. After Sunday school everyone gathered outside in front of the church. Blessing of the ground was performed by Mr. Ray Spotted Turtle, also smudging ceremony was performed by him as we entered the sanctuary.

The pastor, Rev. Marshall Locklear, led the candle lighting. Mr. Tony Clark was in charge of difference Native dances after the call to worship and invocation led by Brother Terry Marshall. Following the reading of the invocation, a hymn of praise "Amazing Grace" was performed by flutist Tony Clark. It was solemn and well performed. After the inter-tribal dance, Mrs. Lucille Locklear had all children come up front for prayer, followed by prayer by Brother Jeff Jones for the elders.

Mrs. Barbara Braveboy Locklear entertained the children sitting at her feet with a very moving story about a Lumbee brave and his princess. She surely drew their attention with many ahas and ohs as she told the story.

I paid a short tribute to my grandmother, Mrs. Lovedy Brooks Locklear who lived to be over a century and some of her stories so told me when I was a little boy. Afterwards Rev. Marshall Locklear introduced a distinguished Lumbee, Mr. Purnell Swett, Superintendent of the Public Schools. He gave a wonderful talk and commented on how proud he was of the attention our church was showing our youth. He shared some family history, and told how he had to pick cotton, pull corn, crop and sucker tobacco as a young boy.

He also shared the religious beliefs

and ties of his father and mother. He urged the young people to set goals and make the best out of their lives. He said he was proud to be a Lumbee and urged the young people not to forget their Indian culture and heritage.

A special offering was lifted to help support Native pastor students going to seminary schools. Traditional dances were performed under Mr. Clark. He talked about the Long House where when I was a young boy we held our dances and pow wows. I found out after service was over that my mother and his great grandmother were first cousins. And they helped build the Long House so we would have a gathering place.

Before I close my column, I just want to say something to all our Native Americans. This is concerning the Cultural Center at Red Banks. Can you imagine how many Native

Americans are in these 50 United States of America? We have a task to come up with three million dollars. I am sure there are over enough good people to make the cultural center a place that could be put on the map of Robeson County that families could come and camp, swim, canoe, both at on the pond and Lumber River, play golf and many other sports. Just think about it folks.

Until next time. Go to church and keep us in your prayers.

Kindergarten Registration Set at Prospect School

Prospect School will hold their kindergarten registration on April 24 from 8:30-12:30 in the Media Center. Parents will need to bring a certified birth certificate, updated shot record, social security card, and a tribal enrollment card. Parents of Pre-K students are required to also register for kindergarten.

Registration set at Union Chapel

Kindergarten registration will be held April 25 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Union Chapel School. All children who will be five years old on or before October 16, 1997 should register in the school media center. Please bring a completed immunization record, tribal enrollment card (if applicable), certified birth certificate and social security card. Physical forms may be requested through the school office (521-4456). Each child must have a physical assessment.

Lumbee Guaranty Bank Common Stock Offering

Lumbee Guaranty Bank hereby announces the availability of 230,770 shares of Lumbee Guaranty Bank Common Stock at \$13 per share.

For more information, contact Lumbee Guaranty Bank Transfer Department at 205 West Third Street, Pembroke, by phone at 910-521-9707, or the nearest branch office of Lumbee Guaranty Bank.

This offering expires September 30, 1997 or when all available shares are sold.

Larry R. Chavis, President/CEO



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