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Bishop S.D. Johnson of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Church Of The Week

Macedonia TVPH

By Beverly McCarthy
Staff Writer

...Jesus said, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit..." John 15:1.

Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, Inc., must indeed be a branch in Jesus Christ. One can tell by the amount of fruit that the church is bearing, that it is feasting abundantly off the blessings of God. The special thing about Macedonia, is that its pastor and congregation share those blessings with the community.

Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church grew out of a vision of the late Bishop W.M. Johnson. After months of prayer and seeking God, Johnson started a new denomination in the body of Christ.

This new denomination became known as the "True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church." Under Johnson's leadership, congregations in True Vine were formed in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Maryland.

In 1960, Johnson led what had once been a small mission with eight members, to build a church structure located at 500 Kinard Drive.

Following the death of his father, Sylvester D. Johnson, became pastor of Macedonia.

Under the new Bishop's direction, the church assets increased tremendously. Also, True Vine churches spread throughout Maryland, Indiana, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, Louisiana, New York, New Jersey, and Trinidad. Not only is Bishop Johnson pastor of Macedonia which is the headquarters of a national denomination, but he is a well known community leader as well.

Macedonia is much more than just a house of worship. The church is very active in the Winston-Salem and surrounding areas communities. One of Bishop Johnson's principles is that he church should do more than just "Save Souls." Several outreach programs are sponsored through the church. Macedonia Arms Apartments and The Macedonia Senior Citizens Club, are both methods that the congregation uses to spread the love of Jesus to the needy. The church also sponsors a bus

ministry, that is not only available to members of the True Vine denomination, but is used by other church congregations on a cost basis.

The office staff at Macedonia includes the Evangelist Angeline J. Gardner, administrative secretary, Catherine G. Johnson, associate secretary/clerk, and Janet Davis, executive secretary. Victor Johnson serves as

chairman of the Deacons, and Nelson Petree is Chairman of the Church Trustees.

Macedonia is in the process of building Johnson's Memorial Sanctuary, in commemoration of the True Vine Founder, the late W.M. Johnson.

Worship services are held every Sunday morning, beginning with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Visitors are invited to attend.

Church Notes

By Lucile Denton

St. Stephens's Episcopal

A carnival will be held at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Games, food, a bake

sale, country store and flea market are some of the featured attractions of the event. The public is invited to attend.

Caldwell Conducts Revival

Dr. Quincy A. Caldwell, pastor of Greater United Progressive Baptist Church, is guest this week at Union A.M.E. Zion Church in New Castle, Delaware. Dr. F.G. Richardson, Pastor.

Dr. Quincy A. Caldwell

Macedonia Holiness To Hold Revival

The annual Fall Revival will begin Sunday, November 1, and continue through Friday, November 6. The church is located at 403 Nelson Street.

Sunday School will begin at 10:00 o'clock followed by morning worship at 11:00. The pastor, Evangelist Katherine D. Fulton, will deliver the morning message. Dinner will

be served at 1:30 p.m. Guests for the 3:00 p.m. service will be pastor and members of Back-To-The-Bible-Way Holiness Church of Greensboro. The pastor, Rev. William Rankins, will preach then. From Monday through Friday nights, services will begin at 7:30 with different speakers each night. Everyone is welcome!

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men, under the direction of President Harvey Miller, will sponsor a breakfast at the church Sunday, Nov. 1, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Love is patient and kind. Love doesn't envy. Love doesn't get puffed up. It is courteous, not self serving, isn't easily provoked, doesn't think badly of others. Love doesn't take pleasure in wrong, but rejoices at truth. It bears up under all things, never quits hoping, and is able to endure anything.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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An Abstract Of The Sunday School Lesson

By Clara Lawrence



Subject: Jesus Prays For His Church

Nov. 1, 1981

Lesson

Scripture

Jesus Prays For Himself..... John 17:1-5
Jesus Prays For His Disciples..... John 17:6
Jesus Prays For All Christians..... John 17:20-26

Background Scripture...Jn. 17

Lesson Background

Earlier chapters of the Gospel of John offer a narrative that recounts the events that led to Jesus' arrest and trial. The narrative included: a prediction of His second coming; the coming of the Holy Spirit; fellowship in the parable of the vine and the branches; a warning of their future persecution and grief at His departure.

These words of Jesus are often referred to as His "farewell discourses," which He delivered between the time of the celebration of the last supper and the time of His arrival at the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives.

Lesson Explained

Jesus' high priestly prayer for glorification came after He had instructed His disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit during His absence from them. This prayer was heard by His disciples and seems not to have occurred in the Upper room. (Jn. 14:31; 18:1). Jesus took the time to pray because of the fast moving events of His betrayal, false trials, torture and crucifixion. He lift - His eyes toward heaven and addressed His Father, desiring to be glorified by God that He, in turn, may glorify His Father. How will He glorify God? In taking upon Himself all the burdens of human sorrow and exhausting the poison of the sting of death, He will be glorifying His Father. (Jn. 21:19).

God has given Jesus authority to make it possible for His followers to have eternal life; the life that only Christ can give to those who believe and accept Him. (Vs. 21).

Jesus explained that "eternal life" is to know "the only true God and Jesus Christ." Note here, that Jesus associated knowledge of the Father with a knowledge of Himself. (Vs. 3).

Verse 4 reveals of having completed His work which included His death and resurrection before they took place in history.

Jesus asked His Father to give back to Him the glory which He had before the world was, and which He had laid aside in the incarnation. His prayer was answered through the fulfillment of the resurrection and ascension. We also see how the Father glorified His Son in Philippians 2:9-11).

"I have manifested thy name"...is parallel to "I have glorified Thee." The word "men" used in verse 6 means His disciples who had received His Father's well beloved Son.

In verses 7-19 (not printed) Jesus prayed for His disciples that they might have joy, be kept from the evil one, and be sanctified by truth and be sent into the world. But verse 20 shows that He was not thinking only of His disciples. He was looking ahead to all who would believe on Him through their word. This includes all generations. The essence of this petition is that all believers might be one - united in relationship to one another; as in the unity of the Father with the Son. The result of this unity will be "that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." The world would become convinced of God's divine origin and love.

Verse 24 shows that Jesus wanted His own to join Him in His glory, where they would share in the love of the heavenly home.

The first two uses of the word "known" in verse 25 means more than an awareness of facts; it carries with it the idea of relationship. The people of the world have no relationship to the Father, but the Son does. Jesus concluded His prayer by saying that He had taught the people about God and that He would continue to teach the love of God through the churches with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

Truth To Live By

1. We glorify God when we participate sacrificially in His work in the world.
2. Jesus desires unity among believers.

Church Calender

Saturday, October 31

● The Young Adult Choir of Saint Peter's Church of God Apostolic will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in Abington, Virginia. Dr. R.K. Hash is pastor.

Sunday, November 1

● The Building Fund Committee of Phillip's Chapel Baptist Church will sponsor, "The Twelve Tribes of Israel," at 4:00 p.m. Reverend Gilliam of First Thessolonial will bring the message. The public is invited to attend. Reverend C.N. Leon is host pastor.

● Timothy Lyons, associate minister of Friendship Baptist Church, will be speaking at The Cappadocia Holiness Church of God of Deliverance, Inc. The church is located at 1118 East 30th Street. The public is invited to attend. Effie B. Cannon is host pastor.

● Mars Hill Baptist Church, located at 1331 East 4th Street, will host its Fall Revival, on November 2 through 6, with services beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. The messenger for the week will be Reverend C.M. Brown, pastor of New Light Baptist Church, in Greensboro, North Carolina. The public is invited to attend.

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