

# The things of God will last forever

**Lesson Scripture:**  
Proverbs 3:13-18; 4:1-9

**Lesson Aims:** to recognize that wisdom and understanding come from God, to realize their importance in daily life, and to seek God at all times.

**Background:** The remaining lessons for this quarter come from the wisdom book of Proverbs. Solomon is considered the primary author, among others. The second son of David and Bathsheba (the one died, remember), he was the fourth in line for the throne.

Having lived through the continuous rivalry and conflict in his family, he learned many things before becoming king. As a young ruler, God allowed him to choose whatever he wanted. He asked for a discerning heart (wisdom) to govern the people. God granted it and his wisdom became legendary. Wisdom is a gift from God; if it is abused, it can be lost. Solomon eventually lost it and made foolish decisions that brought decay to the chosen people.

According to "UMI Direction Teacher," wisdom is characterized by honesty,



**Mildred Peppers**

**Sunday School Lesson**

sobriety, chastity, concern for a good reputation, proper conduct toward God and others, making the most of spiritual opportunities, and finally applying facts to life. Understanding is having insight into a situation and applying reason as to the best course of action.

Proverbs is didactic (it teaches) and "regarded as a manual of conduct" ("New Jerome Biblical Commentary"). Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who is to be courted. She mediates between God and the world. Proverbs' tone is a father (parent) teaching a child (children) the secrets of life.

**Lesson:** Verses 13-18 are a hymn of praise that opens with a beatitude (be happy).

Wisdom is a gift that doesn't appear overnight.

explains why this is so. The standard for success is based on wealth, power and/or fame.

Solomon teaches that wisdom far outweighs any earthly standards, including silver and gold. If attained, longevity, prosperity, peace, and pleasantness will be evident in their lives. This simply means that the wise will recognize the real qualities of a successful life. When godly treasures are held close, then earthly things are put in the right place. All of earth's riches will pass away but the things of God will last forever!

Proverbs 4 centers on being obedient to the lesson taught by the Father through Solomon the parent. Speaking from experience, Solomon wants the youths to heed his teachings. His

desire here is to offer advice to the generations behind him. David taught him, so his responsibility is to pass it down.

**Application:** Situations may vary. The way people live is different but human nature is the same. In our youth most of us wanted to have a good time. We didn't think about consequences. Our efforts were on making a lot of money, buying the right car and living in a better neighborhood. Asking for wisdom was the furthest thing from our minds. Experience taught us some things and the prayers of the wise helped us too.

Now we know that seeking wisdom from God is so important.

We can't go back but we can instill in our children and grandchildren the importance of wisdom and understanding.

Gray hair is not an indicator but your relationship with God is. Life is special and can be full if the things that matter are given priority. Those things are from God alone. Pray for wisdom and understanding; it is never too late!

Take someone with you to Sunday school.

# Single But Not Alone Ministry

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Have you ever been involved in a relationship that left you totally empty and wondering where to go from here? If you have not as of yet, the day will surely come if you do not have your foundation rooted and grounded in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You are invited to Beulah Baptist Church, 1352 N. Trade Street, for an evening to learn about foundational things that could change your life forever.

Kimberly McKellar, a member of Beulah Baptist Church, is the director of the youth ministry, known as the Diamonds Ministry.

"In the future, I plan to have the opportunity to become spiritual counselor as well under the leadership of my pastor, Rev. L. Bruce



**McKellar**

Ford," McKellar said in a news release. "Up to this point I have been blessed to obtain an associate pre-psychology degree and currently am attending A&T State University to achieve my bachelor's degree in psychology. I also serve as counselor for a nonprofit organization known as Camp F.O.C.U.S."

# Sister Cantaloupe coming to Union Baptist Church

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Trina Jeffrie portrays the wisecracking Christian character Sister Cantaloupe, preaching the gospel of laughter with her style of religious humor.

As one of the few clean-humored family-oriented comedians, this nationally acclaimed performer will entertain audiences of all ages on Aug. 2 at 8 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 1200 N. Trade Street.

The service is open to the public and admission is free. However, donations of canned foods and non-perishable items to the Union Urban Ministries Food Bank are appreciated.

For more information, call (336) 724-9305 or visit



**Trina Jeffrie is well-known as Sister Cantaloupe.**

the Web site at [www.unionbaptistsnc.org](http://www.unionbaptistsnc.org).

# Community Outreach Tent Revival extended to Aug. 17

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Evangelist Melvin "Rip" Wilkins Sr., director, and attorney Renita O. Thompkins, assistant director of the Soul Winning Revival, received a lot of support from the community of Burke Village Apartments and the surrounding areas. Eight hundred people came to the tent last Wednesday through Sunday.

The songs were rendered by the New World Cappadocia Mass Choir, Joy Rivers, Evangelist Vanessa Jeter, Denise Oglesby, Paulette Jefferson, Demetris Young, the Community Praise Team and the dance team of N.W.C.O.C.

People came off the streets, out of apartments, in cars, on bikes and in wheelchairs. They were fed free hot dogs and hamburgers Wednesday and Thursday, free fish Friday and free chicken Saturday.

Wednesday night, Thompkins spoke about "The Best Is Yet To Come." She spoke from Matthew 9:20. Evang. Wilkins spoke Thursday on "It's in the Clay, Jeremiah 18; Friday he spoke from Luke 16, "Living Sumptuously"; Saturday, from Job 1, "Your Mess Is in the Message - I Came to Tell My Story"; and Sunday the message was "Help Me, Holy Ghost."

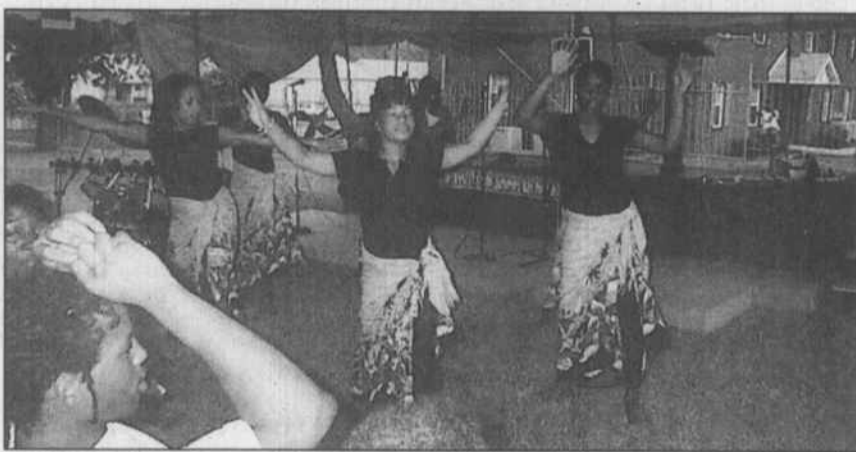
Tonight Pastor Wilkins Sr. and New World Cappadocia will worship with his son and daughter-in-law on their anniversary at New Generation Praise and Worship Church on Gro Street at 7:30.

Pastor Calvin Oglesby will bring the message at the tent Thursday night. Pastor Ron Goodson will speak Friday night. Pastor Oglesby will speak Saturday night and Thompkins will speak Sunday.

Community Outreach and



**Scenes from the revival.**



Evangelist Rip Wilkins would like to give Leon Parker his flowers while he is living. "We thank him for his support but most of all for inviting us to his

grounds," Wilkins said.

Choirs, dance teams and steppers are welcome to participate in this community revival.

Call 744-7924 for information

and transportation.

Organizers are looking forward to seeing you on 19th Street at the Soul Winning Revival.

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**Minister Bernard Pate**  
Ordained as Pastor, Thurs., July 25th

**Mrs. Twana Gilliam**  
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