Lesson Scripture: James 4:1-12

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of

Church (Acts 15), James has knowledge of the

actions of the believing community. His epistle

addresses those behaviors that do not coincide or

parallel the teachings and life of Jesus. It is impor-

tant for them to take seriously their representation

of Christ. Their lives should say to the world, "I

have submitted to God". The believing communi-

ty should not look like, act like, nor think like the

world! The community is to strive for love, har-

mony, mercy and humility. James 4:1-6 breaks

down the cause of strife in the church. Their indi-

vidual and corporate desires not being met fuel the

strife. Those unmet desires cause them to commit

murder. Remember that tongue from last week?

When this type of "fighting" goes on, individuals

lose sight of what's important - God's Will! "The

reason they're coming up empty-handed is because they are not asking Him for what they

want" (Echoes Adult Commentary). James also

states that if they ask; their motives are polluted

due to selfishness. He is very harsh by verse 4

when he calls them adulterous people. He is refer-

root causes and

remedies for the

confusion and the

Lesson: As

one of the leaders

of the Jerusalem

supremacy

God as Judge.

Lesson Aims: to understand why strife exists

Background: James continued to address his

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Strife within the church in the church community, to recognize the need to submit to God, and to seek His Will in our lives. lessons on "Christian behaviors" to the twelve scattered tribes (Jewish converts) among the nations (1:1). After addressing the two types of wisdom in 3:13-18, he acknowledged that together with the tongue earthly wisdom caused strife in the community. The aim was to get his readers to understand that worldliness pulled them away from God and led to all types of confusion. chapter four of his epistle, he considered the

Elder Robert R. Edmond with members of the club.

Club celebrates 38 years of giving

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

"People helping People" is the motto of the Joy & Faith Club at Kimberly Park Holiness Church. The club, which provides emergency assistance for people in Winston-Salem and surrounding communities, will celebrate its 38th Anniversary Aug. 24th at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Seth O. Lartey and the Goler A.M.E Zion church family will be the guests to help celebrate this occasion. Mother Theresa H. Duren, founder of the club and president since its inception says, "I thank God for the vision he gave me 38 years ago to help others in need. Being a blessing to others has not only allowed them to keep their lights on, or have oil in the winter, or not get evicted from their homes; but most

Fall revival

would like to announce their

Annual Fall Revival Aug. 24 -

28. On Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. the guest speaker will be Rev.

David L. Crosby, Deliverance

Tabernacle Church, Lexington,

Anthony, Oak Grove Baptist

Church of Walkertown; Aug.

26, Rev. Dr. James Fisher, Saint

Paul Missionary Baptist

Church, Greensboro; Aug. 27,

Providence Baptist Church

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Mother Theresa H. Duren

importantly, it has shown them the love of God through the ministry of the Joy & Faith Club. It has given families hope and a future as well as encouraged their faith in God. Hundreds of families

ministry."

Mother Duren celebrated her 85th birthday on May 31 and has decided to pass the baton to her daughter, Vanessa Duren-Winfield, who has served alongside her mother. Officers and members of the club are: Vanessa Duren-Winfield, President; Doro Stout, Vice-President; Phyllis Treasurer: Moseley. Evangelist Barbara Williams, Secretary; Amanda Freeman, Pamela Coleman, Patricia Ridgill and Teresa Lentz.

The Joy & Faith Club extends a special invitation to everyone and especially those who have been helped by the organization to come out and help celebrate this joyous occasion.

Kimberly Park Holiness Church is located at 1640 S. M. Caesaro Drive. Elder Robert R. Edmond is pastor.

Martinsville, Va. The worship leader is the Rev. Dr. William Johnson, Chancellor of Carolina Christian College.

Fathers' Day The Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church Family will have its Fathers' Day Program on Aug. 24 at its 11 a.m. worship hour. The speaker will be the church's pastor, Paul W. Hart. The church's newly formed Men of Pilgrim Choir will provide the music. The church is at 1905 N Jackson Avenue. Call the church for more information at 336-575-0935.

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River To The Nations

is for the world first and not God. All isn't lost, for James reminds them that God's grace is extended to those who will repent and be humble- the remedy! James quotes Proverbs 3:34 as he encourages them to submit to God. Submission means to give over to God. A believer can't fight worldliness alone. Submission also implies worshiping Him in spirit and in truth (be for real). When believers give their lives to God and worship Him honestly their relationship with Him is stronger. There is no room for being double minded. The temporary joys and pleasures of the world will not last but the love and peace of God will. The chapter ends

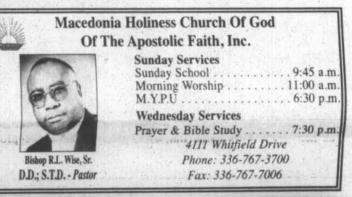
Mildred Peppers Sunday School Lesson

with James reminding them that God alone is the Judge. The inhouse confusion escalated to bitter words. Those words lead to other. James points out that God, is the only One with that authority! To assume the

role of judge puts them above the Law. Heaven forbid.

Application: Have you ever considered "why evil exists?" You scholars recognize when it crept into the Garden and wrecked the right relationship between God and humanity. Is it real today? From all corridors of the world there is a resounding yes! Why? Just as in days of old, selfish ambitions were pursued instead of the Will of God. The epistle of James speaks to believers as they interact with each other. Church fights are bad and many of us carry the scars or we inflicted them. Did we stop to ask; "Does this represent Christ? What message are we sending to non believers or babes in Christ?" James forces us to look at the person in the mirror. After doing so all that can be done is to humbly and sincerely repent receiving God's Grace. Can we judge others? No! We are sinners saved by Grace. There is no room to judge others. Can evil be stopped? Submit to God drawing closer and closer to Him and He to you. We must recognize the temporary worldly pleasures and the eternal things of God. Do we represent Him well?

and Academy Street. This prayer walk has a goal of praying for revival and city-wide at the corner of S. Church Street transformation.



Supreme judging each



Speakers for the week serv-ices are: Aug. 25, Rev. 1. L. The Kinzers

with Bishop Jeffery Lucas of Greater Deliverance Worship Center; Other speakers are (all at 7:30 p.m.) Aug. 25, Overseer Elizabeth Nesmith, of Mt. Able

ring to their unfaithfulness to God (Old Testament). Their behavior says that their concern Aug. 31 Women's Day House of Prayer of

Deliverance Ministries will have its Women's Day service at 3 p.m. on Sunday Aug. 31. The guest speaker will be Elder Doritha Reid of Mt. Calvary Holiness Church. House of Prayer's pastor is Elder Katherine Tapp. The church is located at Hewitt Business Center, 1001 S. Marshall St. -

Community prayer

Rev. Robert McLaughlin, United Friendship Baptist Church, Greensboro; and Aug. 28, Rev. Ambrose Jackson, Gospel Light Baptist Church, Greensboro. The church is at 319 Nelson Street, Kernersville, N.C. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. Derioux Johnson is the host pastor.

Homecoming

First Baptist Church will have its Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 24. The theme is "Ties That Bind." First Baptist Winston-Salem's oldest African-American Baptist church, its pastor is the Rev. Darryl Aaron, who will deliver the sermon at the 9:45 a.m. service. First Baptist is located at 700 North Highland Avenue. For more information, call the church office 336-722-5605.

Missionary Union Anniversary

Forsyth County The Missionary Union will celebrate its 98th Anniversary on Aug. 24 at 3 p.m. at the Friendship Baptist Church. The Rev. Stacey Frazier, host pastor, will deliver the message and the Forsyth County Missionary Union Choir will sing. The church is at 1317 North Cherry Street.

Morning Star event

School Sunday The Department of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 87th Anniversary on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. Rev. Dr. John Jackson and members of Goodwill First Baptist Church of Madison will be the guests. The church is at 1400 Fitch Street. The Rev. Parthenia Galloway is the interim pastor. For further information, call the church at 748-0216.

Anniversary celebration

Greater Faith Holy Temple will be celebrate the anniversaries of Pastor Apostle Arturo and Co-Pastor Betty Kinzer's beginning on Aug. 24 at 4 p.m.

Pentecostal Holiness Church; Aug. 26, Bishop Ray Sterling Jr. of St. Paul Holiness Church of The Apostolic Faith; Aug. 27, Pastor Leroy McGhee of Heavenly Host Apostolic Church; Aug. 28, Pastor Richard Mickens of New True Deliverance Church; and Aug. 29. Prophetess Dirah Martin of True Faith Tabernacle Church.

On Aug. 31 at 11:30 a.m., Bishop Vernice Simons, pastor of Yahweh Apostolic Church of Deliverance, will close out the celebration. On Sept. 1 Pastor and Co-Pastor Kinzer will be celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary. The church is at 4698 Indiana Avenue. Call the church at 336-391-7205 for more information.

Male Chorus anniversary

The New Birth Worship Center Male Chorus will celebrate its 11th Anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. The public is invited attend. The church, which is led by Pastor James L.E. Hunt, is at 1033 Newbirth Drive (Off Hwy 67) in East Bend. For additional information, call 336-699 3583.

Inspirational Choir anniver-

sary The Inspirational Choir of Center Grove AME Zion Church will celebrate its anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 24 at 3:30 p.m. Special guest will be the Napper Singers. The church is located at 7001 Zion Church Rd. in Tobaccoville. The public is invited. For more information, call 336-983-2737.

Church picnic

The Christian Church in Winston-Salem will have its 2nd annual church picnic on Aug. 24 at the Carl H. Russell Center, 3521 Carver School Road. The day of activity begins with worship at 11 a.m., followed by the picnic. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Davis of Mount Olive East Christian Church of

Youth conference

God's Chosen Generation Youth Ministry of Beulah Baptist Church invites the public to attend its Youth Conference on Aug. 28 - 30. The conference is themed "Willing and Obedience" and the program will be two nights of teaching culminating with a Carowinds Trip on Saturday for youth participants.

On Thursday, Aug. 28 at 7 p.m., Elder Brent D. Bailey of Wilkesboro's Grace Kingdom Life Ministries will speak. On Friday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m., Minister Kimberly Miller of Beulah Baptist Church will speak. On Saturday at 9 a.m., the group will leave for Carowinds. There will also be a Open Mike Poetry session, spiritual dancers, choirs and games.

Beulah Baptist Church is located at 1352 N. Trade Street and the Pastor is L. Bruce Ford. Contact the church for more information at 336-722-2907.

Aug. 29

Revival

River To The Nations Ministries will host an Outpouring Meeting open to all believers at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29 at the Dudley Inn & Conference Center, 900 East Mountain St. in Kernersville. The theme is "Come jump into the Revival Fire"

For more information, call 336-996-7486.

Aug. 30

Fish dinners for sale Mount Calvary Holiness Church sell fish dinners and sandwiches on Aug. 30 beginning at 10 a.m. Pre-orders of five or more can be delivered. Call 336-767-0105 to place orders. On the day of the event, call 336-748-0043. The church is at 1615 E. 22nd Street.

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FREE PAD SCREENING

Ministries will sponsor a

Community Prayer Walk on

Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. at Old Salem

Could your leg pain be a sign of a more serious problem?

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) is a serious condition that affects people as they age and drastically increases the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Join our physicians for a free educational program and a free PAD screening that examines the arteries in your neck, abdomen and legs.

Symptoms:

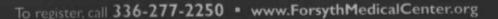
- · Cramping in hips/legs
- · Fatigue while walking
- · Pain in the hip or leg muscles that goes away when you stop or rest

Those at Risk:

- Anyone over 50
- · History of coronary artery disease/diabetes
- High blood pressure/high cholesterol
- Tobacco users



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Fri., Sept. 5 • 7-9 p.m.

Educational Program, Conference Center, Forsyth Medical Center

Sat., Sept. 6 • 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

PAD screening - by appointment Preventive Cardiology, Forsyth Medical Center

Pictured left to right: Robert Preli, MD, interventional cardiologist: Stephen Motew, MD, vascular surgeon; Daniel Golwyn, Jr., MD, interventional radiologist