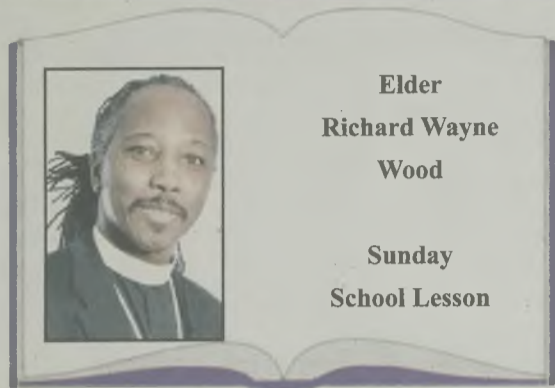


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Sunday
School Lesson

Joshua: Prophet of Conquest

Scriptures: Joshua 5:13 – 6:5, 15-16, 20

By the end of this lesson, we will:

- *Explain how Joshua acted obediently to the vision from God;
- *Reflect on our inefficiencies when challenges overwhelm us;
- *Commit to obeying God, especially in challenging times.

Background: Joshua was a brilliant soldier, one of the most extraordinary military commanders of all times. Joshua was also God's man. Joshua was commissioned by God to possess the Word of God. He was to know God's Word, talk about God's Word, meditate on God's Word and obey God's Word in its entirety. "Be careful to obey all the laws my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go" (Joshua 1:7). Joshua was obedient and Joshua was successful.

Lesson: Israel's crossing the Jordan gave other people's knowledge of the Lord's power, but they were not yet prepared to possess the land promised them. God did, however, give instructions for the people for final preparations for the people and for Joshua that consisted of two rituals: Circumcision and Passover (Joshua 5:2-12).

Joshua is prepared unexpectedly by meeting with the Lord's military commander. As he was walking near Jericho "He looked up and saw a man standing before him, drawn sword in hand. ... Are you for us or for our enemies?" The response was negative. "Neither." - "I am neither for you nor for your enemies. I am here to command the Lord's armies." It seems it was not for Joshua to claim the allegiance of God for His cause, however right it was, but rather for God to claim Joshua. In other words, God was in charge - they would fight together, but Joshua would be following the lead of the commander of the armies of the Lord in his cause and battles. When the man identified himself as the commander of the army of the Lord, Joshua immediately fell down on his face and worshipped him, not knowing him to be the divine warrior messenger from God (some say he was Jesus himself). Joshua asks, "What does my Lord command his servant?" Joshua was told, as was Moses, "Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy" (verses 13-15).

Jericho was the first obstacle to the possession of Canaan. It was a military fortress built to defend the eastern approach to Canaan, its walls were high and its position advantageous. The taking of Jericho was paramount if Joshua were to possess the promised land. Not to worry, Joshua's concerns are allayed when the Lord tells him, "See, I will deliver Jericho and her king (and her) warriors into your hands" (verse 2). The Lord then gave specific instructions involving groups of seven: seven days to march, seven priests, seven rams' horns and seven circuits of the city. Seven being the number of completions denotes the totality of the possession of the land (Joshua 6:1-5).

The people followed the commands of the Lord and their hearts were prepared in the process of silence, obedience and obedience to the very end. "On the seventh round, as the priests blew the horns, Joshua commanded

See Joshua on B5

First Waughtown teens win scholarships in Thomasville Oratorical Contest

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Three members of the First Waughtown Baptist Church Teens of Purpose (ToP) College/Career Preparatory Ministry were among 12 scholarship recipients in the 20th annual Martin Luther King Social Action Committee Oratorical Contest held on Feb. 28. The Teens won a total

lished in 1963.

Kabari Walker, a junior at East Forsyth High School, received the \$1,500 Ebony Alpha Ebony Scholarship. He is the son of Min. Carmelita Frazier. Kabari hopes to return to the oratorical contest next year to earn the first-place award, currently a \$3,000 scholarship.

tend either Howard or North Carolina Central University, where she will pursue a double major in pre-medicine and Spanish.

West Forsyth senior JaQuez Williams received the \$800 Skeen Family Scholarship. He is the son of Mrs. Sheri Fryer. JaQuez plans to attend North Carolina Central University in the fall and

Sunday services are being conducted virtually at www.facebook.com/First-Waughtown and www.firstwaughtown.org.

Dr. George B. Jackson, president of United Cornerstone University in Thomasville, is founder and chairman of the MLK-SAC, Inc. Dr. Pamela Jackson, vice president for academic affairs at the



Kabari Walker, Aniyah Pope and JaQuez Williams with their awards.

of \$3,700 in the COVID-19-safe presentation set in Thomasville.

The contest theme - "The Ultimate Measure of a Man" - was taken from "Strength to Love," a collection of Dr. King's sermons and speeches published

Aniyah Pope, a senior at Parkland High School, received the \$1,000 James H. Bloomfield Scholarship and the \$400 Delta Sigma Theta Video Innovation Award. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pope. Aniyah plans to at-

he will pursue a degree in sports medicine.

Pastor Dennis W. Bishop is the senior pastor of First Waughtown Baptist Church, located at 838 Moravia Street. In observance of COVID-19 recommendations,

university, is the MLK dean of students for the oratorical competition. Since the contest began, the organization has awarded \$177,000 in scholarships to high school juniors and seniors.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

*Please call ahead to make sure your event is still happening. We will post cancellations/postponements announcements when received.

Thursdays and Saturdays

Free Meals

Christ Rescue Temple Church, 1500 North Dunleith Ave., will serve hot meals as part of the People Helping People Feeding Program. Meals will be served every Thursday and Saturday from noon until 1 p.m. at the church's location. For more information, call 336-722-9841.

Sundays

Virtual worship services

Green Street United Methodist Church, 639 S. Green St., invites you to join online worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. The service, which is available via Facebook and YouTube, is a celebration of the diversity of the human family. Online viewers will discover a no-frills service that is thoughtful, personal, and deeply spiritual. Green Street practices the radical welcome of Jesus Christ. Individuals of every denomination, sexual orientation, gender identity, and race/ethnicity are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Visit www.greenstreetumc.org or email admin@greenstreetumc.org for more information.

NOW

Zoom services

New Birth Worship Center (NBWC) in East Bend has gone virtual. Please join Dr. James L. E. Hunt, Senior Pastor on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. on Zoom webinar. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84789021891>

or Dial-In: 1 301 715 8592 ID Mtg. #: 84789021891. In addition, Sunday School is taught by Deacon James Henry at 9 a.m. via telephone conference call #: 1 917 900 1022 ID#: 868433#.

All are welcome to join us for Zoom (virtual) Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Our Pastor, Dr. Hunt, will be the teacher. The Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89195349778> or Dial-In Mtg #: 1 301 715 8592 ID#: 89195349778#.

For additional information, please call 336-699-3583 or visit www.newbirthworshipcenter.org or visit our Facebook page.

Mar. 13

GriefCare

St. Paul United Methodist Church sponsors "Grief-Care", a support group for persons experiencing grief due to the death of someone close to them. The sessions feature biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. The sessions are designed to give encouragement and support to persons on their journey from "Mourning to Joy". Sessions are free; each is self-contained, meaning one does not have to attend the sessions in sequence. "HEAVEN" is the topic on Saturday, March 13 at 10 a.m. For information about how to participate in this virtual GriefCare session, please call 336-723-4531 before March 13.

Mar. 14

First Waughtown Baptist Church live stream

First Waughtown Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, will live stream its service at 10 a.m. Sunday at www.facebook.com/FirstWaughtown and on its website, www.firstwaughtown.org, click on the virtual messag-

es link on the homepage. Senior Pastor Dr. Dennis W. Bishop will deliver the message.

Mar. 20-21

Women's Day celebration

Emmanuel Baptist Church invites the public to join our free virtual Women's Day celebration, March 20 - 21 beginning at 10 a.m. each day. The theme, "Choose To Challenge Gender Bias & Inequity," will surely bless all souls attending. On March 20, activities begin with a Wellness Day for Women Zoom session. Register at www.tinyurl.com/yc67xm4y to receive the link and dial in information.

Rev. Dr. Renita J. Weems, Ph.D. will be the Guest Speaker for the March 21 at 10 a.m. Worship Service, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd6PA6d6gOuKPa3IyoUyPRIG>. For additional information access Emmanuel's website: <http://www.emmanuelbaptistws.com/> or Facebook page: www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Baptist-Church-228894687164517.

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