

"Christmas A Pagan Holiday"

By J. M. Little

All the world, both religious and secular is now hurriedly preparing to celebrate Xmas. Everywhere there will be a mad scramble to make ready for this great world-wide event. It will be carried on under the excuse, "We are celebrating the birthday of Christ." Are you? Let me ask you a question, "Who told you to celebrate the birthday of Christ? Do you have a commandment in the Word of God telling you to put on a celebration? Do you?" I don't, nowhere in my Bible do I find a commandment to celebrate my Lord's birth. I don't know when he was born and neither do you.

The business world capitalizes and commercializes on this event. And just think, men and women in and out of the church won't mention the Lord's name unless they link it with profanity and vulgarity. Some of you women here in the office will put up great decorations for this holiday and yet you run from me when I try to talk to you about Christ. Isn't that awful? All year long you won't talk about Christ, yet on the 25th of December you say you celebrate His Birthday. What blasphemy! God hates sin.

Listen to the Word of God: "Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good." Jeremiah 10:1-5. Now there's your tree you put up in December. God hates that thing. It stinks in his nostrils. I know you'll make all kinds of excuses. But listen, my friend, your excuses will do you no good in the day of judgment. You are going to be tried for the deeds done in the flesh. You may say you are doing it just to give the kids a good time. I can think of many things to give the kids a good time without blaspheming the name of my blessed Lord. You may come back at me like one woman said, "It doesn't matter just so they have a good time." Dear souls, when you are baking and roasting in the lake of fire ten thousand years from today it'll make a difference then but you won't get out of your punishment for disobeying God.

I departed from this heathen tradition some years ago. This celebration is demon worship. That's all it is, just demon worship. You won't worship my Lord with this heathen custom. This event dishonors my Lord. Anytime the world runs after something in large numbers, you and I had better be wary of that thing. The world hates God. If you love the Lord how can you link His precious name with all this revelry? The Lord is not pleased with this celebration. We are told to celebrate His death, not His birth.

You may come back and say you want to use this time to give gifts. I have eleven

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months out of the year to give gifts, I don't have to wait to December to give. And then you are not really giving anyway. Why? You are looking for something in return. True giving is sacrificial. You seek nothing in return.

Let me ask you a question: What does Christ mean to you? What does the death of Christ mean to you? Are you taken up with Him? Are you Remember, one of the marks of the true child of God is obedience to His Word. You may come back and say the world almost entirely is going along with it. I know that, my friend, the world is going to hell. This generation is laughing itself to hell, everything is funny. May the Lord open your eyes as He did mine, if not you're going to hell.

My friend, if you love the Lord, you don't want to dishonor Him. The all important question is, do you know Christ? The Saviour came from glory, took upon Himself the likeness of sinful man. He took the body up to the cross and died for hell-deserving sinners like you and me. How dare you link His glorious name with all this idolatry out of Babylon! He was the only One that could die for sinners. So many of you are trying not to have any dealings with the eternal Son of God. This group of women here in the office who make fun and laugh at a born again testimony think they won't ever have to deal with the eternal Son of God. The eternal Son of God is going to meet them at the "Great White Throne Judgment" and judge them for mocking His truths. Now they think this is some foolishness your editor or someone else dreamed up, but there, that sad day, they'll see they made fun of the Lord of Glory. What a tragedy! Every soul has to deal with the eternal Son of God, here as a God of mercy, or there as a God of wrath. Which is it going to be young

The Lord willing we will continue the series on Demon Possession in late December.

We give you an invitation to worship with us Sunday December 19th in the Deep Creek Baptist Church, Wadesboro, N.C. 28170. Come and bring a friend with you. Be with us at 11:00 A.M., come looking for a blessing.

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Death Notices

Service Held For

Mrs. Louella Watson

Mrs. Louella Blake Watson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C.R. Blake, and resident of 6028 Seirra Drive died Sunday.

Mrs. Watson, who was a native of Charlotte, was a long time teacher in the Charlotte School system, and was formerly administrative assistant at Wilson Jr. High.

Mrs. Watson was noted for an outstanding documentary program which she wrote and directed when she taught at Garinger High. It is periodically shown on television in Charlotte.

Mrs. Watson, who graduated from Johnson C. Smith University, was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and was a member of the Modernettes Club.

She is survived by a daughter, Juanita McNeil of New York, two brothers, Watson G. Blake of Roanoke, Va., and Dr. Cesar Blake of Toronto, Canada, a sister, Mrs. Norma J. Riddick of Washington, and a granddaughter, Yasmin.

Long and Son were in charge of funeral arrangements.

MARZETTE TATE BROOKS

Marzette Tate Brooks, a native of Buford, Georgia who lived in Charlotte for several years, died November 27, one day before her 82nd birthday.

Mrs. Brooks, whose funeral was held Wednesday at one o'clock p.m. at First Baptist Church where she was a member is survived by her husband Dr. Ulysses S. Brooks, two daughters, Mrs. Roberta Shearin of Washington, D.C., and Miss S. Elizabeth Brooks of Charlotte, and a brother Arthur Tate of Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Brooks, who lived in Tyler, Texas and Eastern N.C. before moving to Charlotte, had worked with the small local YWCA.

She was also a member of Charlotte Mecklenburg chapter of NAACP for ten years, helped parents enlist students in predominately white schools during the time of intergration, a member of the Resolutions Committee, a member of Local League of Women Voters, Mayor Committee of Human Relations, and served on executive council of Council of Human Relations.

Mrs. Brooks attended school in Washington, D.C., where she completed two years at Howard University.

MARSHALL GRIER SR. Charlotte native Rev. Marshall Grier Sr. died Tuesday, November 30, in Jamaica, N.Y.

Long and Sons Funeral Home had not announced funeral arrangements by the Post's publication deadline.

MRS. INDIA MORRISON Funeral arrangements for Mrs. India Morrison, of 1406 Orvis St., are also incomplete. She died Tuesday, November 30. Alexander Funeral Home is in charge.

DAVID BLACK Funeral arrangements are being made for David Black of 802 Condon St. by Hairston Funeral Home.

Black died Tuesday, November 30.

JOHNNY HUDSON Funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Thursday, December 2, for Johnny Hudson at Cannon's Cathedral.

The deceased lived at 4123 Willing Avenue. At his death Sunday, November 28, he was 31-years old.

Survivors are his wife, Georgia Mae and daughter, Mrs. Cathy A. Jackson, both of Killen Texas; mother, Mrs. Lilly B. Hudson; brothers, Donnie K. Hudson of Seattle, Washington, Tompy Hudson, Edward Hudson, Willie C. Hudson, Perry L. Hudson; sisters, Mrs. Willea Hooper of Norfolk, Virginia, Mrs. Anna N. Whithers, Mrs. Linda Cohen, Mrs. Delores M. Holmes, Mrs. Peggy A. Lindsey, Miss Gladys Hudson, Miss Jeanette Hudson. Grier Funeral Home is in charge.

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