

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Waylon R. Wallace



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Greetings readers and fellow Bible students. Our subject for this Sunday is, "Active Christian Compassion." The scripture text are found in Luke 14:12-14 and 16:19-31.

In this lesson we see the concern Luke has for the poor showing through in that he chose to record this particular incident from the life of our Lord. In our first passage of scripture we see Jesus as an invited guest in the home of one of the chief Pharisees. This man probably invited Jesus because he had a popular following and even though he was bitterly opposed to his message, this Pharisee desired the prestige of having such a controversial visitor in his home. Jesus repaid this man's insincere hospitality by what appears to be at least three insults.

First, Jesus healed a man in the Pharisees house. Of course, this was insulting. The Pharisees looked upon healing as work and no work was to be done on the Sabbath day, yet here is Jesus breaking the law in another man's house.

Second, Jesus embarrassed some of the Pharisee's other guests by warning them of the danger of seeking out the most prominent seats when they arrive at a banquet early.

Third, Jesus turned a light upon this Pharisee's uncompassionate heart and our's. He revealed the man's lack of true friendship, in that he invited folk who could either return the favor or folk that he could get something from in some other way. Jesus exhorts the Pharisee and us to not only befriend those who can yield a return to us, but those from whom we can never expect anything.

Our world is filled with lonely people who feel as if they are forgotten and they are. Some have no money, some no health, others no good looks, many no fine clothes to wear. When the Christmas partying season begins, they will be left out. When the family dinners are spread, no one will call them over. They will become so overcome with despair, that many of them will take their own lives and the Merry Christmas season will once again produce the highest number of suicides for the year. How many of us criticize folk who come to our church dinners and do not bring anything. Many children in our cities only receive wholesome meals at school and perhaps at church on big days. The Lord would have us to know that in the end our compassion will be rewarded. Now, it seems reasonable to me, that if our compassion will be rewarded, our lack of compassion will be punished.

Our second passage of scripture brings us to the well known parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. Jesus does not give this rich man a name, but we call him Dives. Let me

begin by saying that this rich man is not condemned merely for being rich, but for lacking godly compassion for his fellowman. Lazarus was blessed of God at death not because he was poor, but because he was good. Do not be deceived by anyone, your poverty is not an automatic ticket in to God's kingdom.

During this time, in this part of the world folk did not use forks, knives and spoons when eating. Wealthy folk such as this rich man kept pieces of bread on the table and wiped their hands and fingers on them throughout the meal. It was these crumbs falling from the table that Lazarus wanted. But, the rich man could not see Lazarus' needs. This was his sin and ours. We become so self-seeking and self-concerned that we never see what we can do for others, only what others can do for us.

The rich man's lack of compassion won him a place in torment. Once in hell, he still possessed his memory and recalled how he had the economic advantage over Lazarus. The rich man still possessed his inability to see his fellow man. He still possessed his attitude of superiority. For, he did not ask Lazarus to come and quench his thirst in the tormenting flame, but he Told Father Abraham to Send Lazarus. The rich man still possessed his attitude of selfishness and concern for any but his own. For he did not ask for an opportunity to go back and warn anyone except his own five brothers. He did not care about his friends or business associates. He did not mention any other relatives only these.

This lesson teaches us that it is in this life only that we may prepare for the next. It teaches us that we must take advantage of our opportunities to do good while we have them. It teaches us that this foolishness of preaching is adequate to the task of introducing us to the way that leads to salvation. It is not enough for us to think good, we must also do good. We must not only pray for the hungry, we must feed them also. We must not stop at speaking kindly to those who are poorly clothed, we must also share with them those articles that crowd our closets. Unless our faith and belief is such that it spurs us to action, it is worthless.

Church News Briefs

Clinton Chapel's Annual Revival Services Begin Sunday

By Jeri Harvey Post Staff Writer
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church will hold annual revival services during the week of November 13-20, beginning each evening at 7:30 p.m. The evangelist of the week will be Rev. Lemuel L. Turner, pastor of Shiloh AME Zion Church, Staten Island, New York.

The following nights have been designated: Sunday - Trustee Board and Choirs; Monday - Steward Board and Class Leaders; Tuesday - Stewardess Boards No. 1 and 2, Everyday Club; Wednesday - Missionary Night and Deacons Board; Thursday - Christian Education and Laymen's Society; Friday - Usher Boards and Willing Workers Club.

Special guest appearances by the gospel choirs from Johnson C. Smith University, the University of North Carolina - Charlotte, and the Mount Holly QC's will highlight the week's activities.

The public is cordially invited to come out and participate in a week of gospel and singing. The revival will culminate with a fellowship banquet celebrating "Homecoming Sunday." All former members and friends are urged to attend.

The church is located at 3901 Rozzells Ferry Road and Rev.

Goodwill Sets Attic Sale, Open House
On Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Goodwill Industries will be holding a "Gigantic" Attic Sale and Open House at their main location, 2122 Freedom Drive.

Local Students Inducted Into Honor Society

Students of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Area have been inducted into the Society of Distinguished American High School Students, whose main guiding principle is to "promote both academic and civic achievement on the high school level." These students were inducted into the Society according to Elder T.W. Samuels, pastor of the Greater Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church and the youth advisors, "because of their excellence and leadership in church and civic achievements."

Students from this area who were inducted are as follows: Cynthia Adrey, Alan Belk, Dennis Gaddy, Phyllis Gaddy, Vanessa Gladney, Joanne McEdwain, Terence Robinson, Teresa Robinson, Thomas Samuels, II, Thomasina Smith, Joseph Stafford, Theodore Wallace, Jackie Westmoreland, and Maria White.



Rev. Lemuel L. Turner...Clinton Chapel speaker



Dr. R.B. Phifer...To be honored



Rev. Lemar Foster...Has appreciation day



Rev. H.S. Diggs...Mayfield Memorial Pastor

Morgan W. Tann is the pastor.

MEMORIAL UNITED
The public is cordially invited to attend a concert of Sacred Music presented by The People's Choir of Memorial United Presbyterian Church Sunday, November 13, at 7 p.m.

The choir is under the direction of Charles C. McCrae.

Memorial United Presbyterian is located at 2600 Beatties Ford Road and the pastor is Rev. H.W. Givens.

CLINTON CHAPEL
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church will celebrate their Men's Day Program Sunday,

Sale, Open House
"Gigantic" Attic Sale and Open House at their main location, 2122 Freedom Drive.

The Attic Sale will be held in the parking lot on the corner of Berryhill Road and Freedom Drive, (inside the building if it rains), and will feature large and small pieces of unique and collectible furniture along with glassware, books, records, and hundreds of other miscellaneous items, including a kitchen sink. In addition, the Thrift Store at the same location will be open as usual with special sales on clothing and other items.

Also, part of this special event will be an Open House with tours of the production facility in operation and special demonstrations of one of the most comprehensive and newest Vocational Guidance and Assessment Systems in the Carolinas.

Refreshments will be available and children will receive a free balloon. Goodwill invites the public to come to their location on Freedom Drive - to see what is happening in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation and to shop for that "special collectable" at the Attic Sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, November 19, 30.

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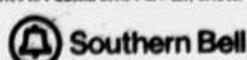
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November 13, at 11 a.m. The speaker will be City Councilman Harvey S. Gantt.

Program chairman is William (Bill) McCullough and Master of Ceremonies will be Dr. Eugene Alexander.

A fellowship banquet will follow in the church dining room. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rev. Morgan W. Tann is pastor of Clinton Chapel which is located at 1901 Rozzells Ferry Road.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dr. R.B. Phifer, pastor of The What's Happening Baptist Church will be honored by his members with an Appreciation Day on Sunday, November 13, at 3 p.m. at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church, 6116 Montith Drive.

Rev. Eddie Hicklin, pastor of Chapel Holiness Church of Mount Holly will be the guest speaker and will be accompanied by his congregation and choir.

A native of Kannapolis, Dr. Phifer was educated in the public schools of that city and received his B.S. degree in Religious Education from Barber-Scotia College in Concord in 1959. He has done further study at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, where, according to Dr. Phifer, he was the first black student to do undergraduate work.

He received his D.D. from Teamers School of Religion.

Dr. Phifer has pastored churches in South Carolina and is the founder of the What's Happening Baptist Church. He has taught public school in North and South Carolina.

Mrs. Phifer is the former Geraldine Kennedy and she and Dr. Phifer have three children - Vikie, Valerie and Shawn.

SECOND CALVARY

Appreciation Day Services marking the first anniversary of Dr. Lemar Foster as pastor of Second Calvary Baptist Church will be held Friday, November 11, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 13, at 3 p.m.

Rev. L.D. Parker of St. Luke Baptist Church will render the Friday evening service and Rev. Paul W. Drummond of St. Paul Baptist Church will be guest minister on Sunday afternoon.

According to a spokesman, "During Dr. Foster's first year the church has grown spiritually and materially and we want to show that his leadership is appreciated and that we love him and his family."

Dr. Foster came to Second Calvary from Mount Hebron Baptist Church in Gastonia.

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