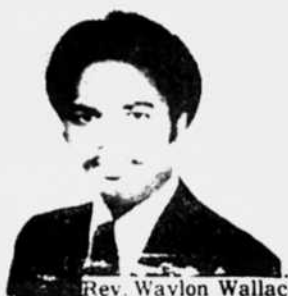


Sunday School Lesson



Rev. Waylon Wallace

Greetings fellow Bible students! "The Church Meets Trouble" is our subject for this week. Our lesson scripture is Acts 5:12-42. It would be well for us to note at the outset that he has always had troubles. Christ met with trouble from the hands of men and warned all those who would follow Him to expect no less. In our lesson we find a group of the apostles engaging in civil disobedience. They had been ordered by the Jewish authorities not to preach or teach anymore concerning Christ. In reality, they were not so much defying the Sanhedrin Council as they were obeying God. They respected the higher powers over them, but they had received higher orders. No one expects a soldier to obey an order from a Captain when to do so means disobeying a General. We ought to always obey God rather than man, not fearing the man whose only power is to harm the body, who has power over the eternal destiny of both body and soul.

On this occasion, the apostles were opposed by the Sadducees, the Jewish political aristocracy. They did not like what the apostles taught. They disagreed with the apostles' attitude to the Law of Moses. They denied the resurrection of the body, personal immortality, and future retribution. So, because they disagreed with their theology and because they thought it might lead to trouble from the Roman government, they "laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison." They did not realize that they were defying the divine injunction to "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophet no harm." The apostles were miraculously delivered by a messenger from

the Lord. They were not delivered for their relief, but for God's service. The reason many pray and are not delivered is that at the heart of their prayer lies no desire to be of service to God. They were delivered in order to GO for God. The Lord would use our

City Hires Assistant Attorneys

Three attorneys have been hired for Charlotte's Legal Department. They will all serve as assistant City Attorneys. The new staff members are replacing three attorneys who left recently—one to become an assistant U.S. attorney, the others to go into private practice.

Richard D. Boner joined the staff March 15. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law. Before becoming an assistant City Attorney, he was as assistant Public Defender for the Twenty-sixth Judicial District in Charlotte.

The appointment of F. Douglas Canty becomes effective April 26. He is currently an assistant Public Defender for the Twenty-seventh Judicial District in Shelby. He is also a 1975 graduate of the

feet to carry good news to the hedges and highways of sin and deception. They were delivered in order to take a STAND. The Lord would have us take a position on the major issues of the day. Exercise your privilege and responsibility of voting and free speech. Boycott, write letters, make phone calls, sign petitions. Take a stand for right and righteousness. They were delivered in order to SPEAK. We are to speak words of this life. What life? 1) The divine life that came into the world to fill our lives with life. 2) The sacrificed life that paid the cost of our redemption. 3) The resurrected life that promises us harmless death and everlasting life. 4) The saved life that comes from a committed life to Christ. From what are you seeking deliverance? What service are you willing to render following deliverance?

The apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin Council once again, not by force, for the people desired to hear their teaching. After questioning, the apostles took advantage of the opportunity and declared the gospel. The authorities did not know what to do with them. At that pressing moment, they received some very good advice from one they all respected. The advice came from Gamaliel, a Pharisee and highly revered doctor of the law. He warned his fellow council members to be very cautious, for it was not certain that this new movement was of God or not. He advised them to be careful lest they find themselves fighting against God.

The church has always had trouble and enemies. It has always and will continue to overcome all obstacles, with the Lord's help. The Lord saves us from our distress in order that we may be of service. We must not be surprised to find a friend some times in the enemy camp. Let us not fear trouble. Let us meet trouble head-on. "The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."

Church News Briefs

David Lucas Is Mt. Sinai's "Mission Inspirational Day"

Mission Inspirational David Bryant Lucas president of the Youth Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will be the guest speaker on Mission Inspirational Day, Sunday, April 19, beginning at 4 p.m. at the Greater Mount Sinai Baptist Church, 1243 West Boulevard.

Rev. Norman E. Kerry is the pastor. David Lucas is the son of Rev. and Mrs. R. D. Lucas of Kings Mountain. During the summer months, he is the Youth Counselor at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, N.C.

This program is being sponsored by the Youth Missionary Department of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association of which Miss Percie Norman is the Youth Supervisor and Miss Greta Miller is the president.

Dr. J. B. Humphrey is Moderator.



David Bryant Lucas...Mt. Sinai speaker

David, a graduate of Kings Mountain High School where he was a four-year winner of the Kiwanis International Talent Show, and seventy-five Southwestern 4-H Carowinds Talent Show winner. Before entering Pfeiffer College, he was a member of the Dilworth Rotary Music International



Rev. C. V. Owens...First Mt. Zion pastor

Concert Choir. And has toured the United States with the Pfeiffer College Concert Tour Choir.

This fall he will enroll in Fisk University to further his education. He is a voice major.

Everyone is cordially invited to this mission inspirational program.



Mrs. Grace H. Churchill...Grace AMEZ Speaker

April 9th at 8 a.m. Sephus Neal will lead the Men's Council in sponsoring a Breakfast. Following this at 11 a.m. the Young Adult Assoc. will observe "Young Adult Day." The Assoc. will conduct the Worship Services with Melvin Boyce as the speaker. Following the Morning Worship members are urged to pick up their First Quarter Statements.

p.m. a one night service for the Charlotte area will be held at the Second Calvary Baptist Church, 114 Nelson Avenue. Dr. Lemar Foster is the pastor and host. Rev. O.B. Cook of Winston Salem, the chairman of the Evangelism Committee, will be the Evangelist.

All general Baptists and members of all faiths in the Charlotte area are invited to share in this great evangelistic experience.

MORNING STAR

The Young Adult Gospel Chorus of the Morning Star Baptist Church will host their first musical program for this year on Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Morning Star Baptist Church is located in Derita, North Carolina.

Members that will be performing with the Young Adult Gospel Chorus on Sunday are Dennis Barrino, Jamesna Mc Neil, Nathaniel Workman, Theron Barrino, Marvin Parsons, Deborah Parsons, Patricia Davis, Patricia Workman, Annie Lee Black, Queen Parsons, Loretta Barrino, Gracie Black, Candice Barrino, Harrietta Duncan, Tena Caldwell, Tiffany Johnson, and Melvin Parsons.

GRACE AME ZION

Mrs. Grace Hackett Churchill of Newark, Delaware will be the guest speaker for the observance of Woman's Day at Grace AME Zion Church on Sunday, April 9, at the 11 o'clock service.

Mrs. Churchill lived in Charlotte when her husband Frank E. Churchill served as pastor of Grace Church. During this time she taught at Second Ward High School and she was an active participant in the YWCA religious and civic affairs of the city.

GRIER HEIGHTS

During the 11 a.m. morning worship hour on Sunday April 9, there will be a special order

"Dedication of Gifts" memorializing the life of Mrs. Doris Stephens Henderson, who answered the call of her Lord, Monday, December 12, 1977.

She was a charter member of the church, the Clerk of the Session, treasurer of general missions, a church school teacher, a member of the senior choir and demonstrated a beautiful christian life which was an inspiration to others in the total life of the church.

FIRST MOUNT ZION

Rev. C.V. Owens and the congregation of First Mount Zion Baptist Church extend an invitation to the public to join them in their Early Morning Worship Service, starting at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, April 9.

First Mount Zion has also scheduled Sunday School for 9:30 a.m. and the regular morning worship for 10:45 a.m.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., the Gospel Chorus of First Mount Zion Baptist Church will sponsor a "Building Fund Program" that will feature various choirs and chorus groups of the church, including the First Mount Zion Chorus, Hymn Choir, Musical Choir, and the Children Choir.

NEW JONESVILLE AMEZ

Thirty-eight persons were baptized following 11 a.m. Easter Service at New Jonesville AMEZ Church, 4555 Providence Road West, Matthews. According to the pastor, Rev. Clinton L. Wilcox, this marked a record for the number of baptisms performed at one service at the church.

After the baptismal service The Buds of Promise held their annual Easter Program. It was directed by Ms. Jacqueline Grier and Ms. Mary Ervin.

Minority Business

Groups Get Extension

Two agencies that provide technical and loan procurement assistance to minority businesses received four month contract extensions through June 30.

The Charlotte Business Resource Center (BRC) and the Charlotte Local Business Development Organization Club witnessed their February 28 contract expiration date while awaiting response to a joint bid proposal to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Atlanta Regional Office of Minority Business Enterprise (ombe) for the continuation of their services in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union Counties.

The cancellation of a bid requested by OMBE after March 1 put the two agencies in a precarious position for a few days. The BRC did however have some left-over funds and very quickly got a contract extension to continue its services. The CLBDO had no funds on which to operate after exhausting its entire budget on March 15 as a result of a two week authorized extension.

A trip to Washington, D.C., on March 24 by Thomas Staton, CLBDO board member to Ralph Mullnix CLBDO board member to meet with Congressman Jim Martin and OMBE was necessary to finalize the contract extension and to secure final answers on the joint bid proposal.

For reasons not fully explained, OMBE rejected all bids

for the services the BRC and CLBDO are currently serving in Charlotte. However, new bid advertisements are expected to be announced within a week.

Staton, executive director of CLBDO and chief executive officer of the proposed merger organization, said he was delighted that CLBDO had received an extension and that a new joint bid proposal would be prepared.

April Is Cancer

Control Month

April is Cancer Control Month throughout the country. But you can't control cancer if you don't know its warning signals. See your doctor if you notice any of these signs: change in bowel or bladder habits, a sore that does not heal, unusual bleeding or discharge, thickening or lump in breast or elsewhere, indigestion or difficulty in swallowing, obvious change in a wart or mole, nagging cough or hoarseness.

For more information about cancer detection and services for cancer patients, contact the Mecklenburg Unit of the American Cancer Society, 1928 Randolph Road (217 Randolph Medical Center), phone 376-1659. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Observance Set

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Early Childhood Association is sponsoring a Week of the Young Child April 10 - 15. Saturday, April 15 is the big day of observance and celebration with a host of activities at the Charlotte Nature Museum, 1658 Sterling Road. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be arts and crafts, a special planetarium show, health cartoons, music and dancing, storytelling and information for parents about the needs and rights of young children and how to fulfill them. The Week of the Young Child promises to be very special!

On Saturday, April 15th the Youth will host the Catawba Presbytery Youth Rally. And finally on Sunday, April 16th at 4:30 p.m. the Men's Council will host the Catawba Men's Council Meeting. This will be an attempt to reorganize and reactivate the Men's Council on a Presbytery level. All men are asked to support this effort.

BAPTIST CONVENTION

The Committee on Evangelism of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., is sponsoring a week of evangelistic services. These services will be held in various cities in North Carolina during the week of April 9, 1978.

On Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30

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