

Sunday School Lesson

By Rev. Waylon Wallace



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"The Divine Quest" is the subject of our lesson for this week. Our scriptures are: Genesis 12:1-3; Hebrews 1:1-2; Luke 15:4-10. The lesson this week brings to our attention the amazing fact that God has initiated a plan by which the broken relationship between ourselves may be mended. The sins of mankind have erected a barrier between them and God. Some of us seem to be more aware than others of the void in our lives and are forever trying to fill it with something or someone. It is comforting to know that while we are busy seeking, we are being sought. One of the startling contrasts the writer has observed between our Judeo-Christian faith and other religions of the world is this: while other religions seem to be monuments to some great leaders' ability to think and discover things about himself, others, or nature; our faith is based upon the belief that God has revealed something of himself to humankind and that God takes the initiative in bringing us into fellowship with him.

In our passage from Genesis, we read where God called one to be the father of a nation of people that would be a blessing to all other nations of the world. God uses individuals and select groups of people to do his work among all people of the world. As we observe the call and life of Abraham, we can see how we too may be greatly used by God. First, we must be willing to go wherever God leads us. This may not only mean going to some undesirable place, but, it also means the willingness to leave the people and places and things we have grown to love for God. Second, we must be willing to trust God's promises. God promises to bless Abraham and to make him a blessing. God did bless Abraham with material good and with a son in his old age. All of the nations of the world have been blessed by him, for it was through his descendants that Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, was born.

Following the time of Abraham, God continued to talk to mankind. He spoke to the masses through his prophets. Through Amos and Micah, God demanded social justice. When God wanted to declare the quality and scope of his love, he called Hosea. He set forth his holiness in the message of Isaiah. The prophets spoke to God's people as they, the prophets, were able to grasp bits and pieces of the truth. But, the writer of Hebrews declared to us that in the last days, God has extended his pursuit of mankind by speaking to us through his Son. Now we may receive the truth and not just bits and pieces of the truth. For Jesus said of himself, "I am the way, the truth..." The age of guessing about what God is like is over. If we want to know what God is like, we can look at Christ. He declared, "...he that hath seen me has seen the father." The age of wondering how we should live in order that we might please God is over. If we want to

know how we should live, all we need to do is look at Jesus who "did all things well". In our passage from Luke, the Lord Jesus gives us two pictures of the spirit in which God the Father pursues lost humanity. The first picture is that of a caring shepherd whose job it is to risk his life if necessary for the sheep. He envisions, perhaps, three shepherds who had to watch over the sheep of an entire village. When evening came only two of the shepherds returned to the village with the sheep. The other had responsibility for one hundred sheep. One of the lambs had gone astray. The responsible shepherd had left the ninety-nine with the others to be brought back to the village, as he went out in search of the one that was lost. When the shepherd returns, there is great joy in the village. Jesus would have us to know that God's pursuit of humanity is in this kind of spirit and that when each individual person turns to God in repentance, there is this kind of joy in heavenly places.

The second picture Jesus paints for us with words is that of the woman with ten silver coins, who has lost one of them. The coin in the parable was a silver drachma which was equal to more than the daily wages of a working man. It may be that this coin stood between this woman's family and hunger. Ten silver coins on a woman's headdress was similar to a wedding band and was the mark of a married woman. A young woman spent years saving in order to have enough of them. They could not be taken from here to satisfy a legal debt. The coins were worth more than money to the owner. So, that when one that had been lost was found, there was cause for great rejoicing. Jesus is telling us that God pursues us with the intense diligence and desperation of a woman who is searching for lost money that will save her family from hunger. He is telling us that when even one sinner repents, there is joy in heavenly places as the joy of a woman finding a precious possession worth more to her than money. Auditions are scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. Dec. 16 at Spirit Square. Interested? Drop by the Center on the third floor of Spirit Square or call us at 374-1565 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mint Museum

Sets Christmas Tours

The Mint Museum announces the Annual Christmas Tours for Children, Dec. 5 through Dec. 22 during regular museum hours. The tours, for groups of children, include a brief slide show "The Christmas Story," a walk-through to see the Christmas wreaths put up by the Charlotte Garden Clubs, and a viewing of the children's mural painted by children, grades 1-5.

Church News Briefs

Mount Moriah Baptist Church To Honor Rev. J.C. Robinson

BY Sherleen McKay Post Staff Writer
Mount Moriah Baptist Church in Matthews, N.C. observed the 33rd Anniversary of their pastor, Rev. J.C. Robinson during a five-day celebration that began Nov. 29.

Rev. D.O. Hennigan was the guest speaker for the opening celebration. He is the pastor of Matthews-Murkland United Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

On Thursday, Nov. 30, Rev. William Lee, Jr., the pastor of Silver Mt. Baptist Church was the guest speaker.

At Friday's services, to be held at 7:30 p.m., Rev. W.H. Caldwell Sr., the pastor of Faith Memorial Baptist Church in Charlotte will speak.

A testimonial dinner will be held in honor of pastor Robinson on Sat., Dec. 2. Dr. J.B. Humphrey will serve as Master of Ceremonies—he is the pastor of First Baptist Church. The main speaker will be Dr. J. Ray Butler, the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, N.C. Ministers and friends are invited to attend.

The Anniversary festivities will conclude on Sun., Dec. 3. Dr. C.C. Craig, the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., will be the guest speaker.

Music will be provided by the Grove Baptist Church of Wingate, N.C. and the Mount Moriah choir.

ST. JOHN'S
The "Voice of Hope Choir" will be in concert at St. John's Baptist Church on Sunday, December 3 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service. Rev. Juan McKissick is the pastor of St. John's.
MOUNT ZION
Mount Zion Baptist Church will celebrate their pastor's third anniversary on Sunday, December 3 at 2:30 p.m. Special guests for this occasion will be Rev. William Lee of Silver Mount Baptist Church and his congregation.

Afro Center
The Afro-American Cultural Center is organizing a singing group to be called "The All City Spiritual Singers." We are interested in reviving the old Negro spirituals which are part of our Black heritage and culture. Persons of all races are invited to join us.

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Rev. William Lee, Jr. Silver Mount pastor

Rev. Eldred is the pastor of Mount Zion.

GREATER GALILEE
Greater Galilee Baptist Church will host the 64th Anniversary of St. John's Baptist Church on Sunday, December 19.

PLEASANT HILL
The Adult Choir of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church will be in concert on December 10 at 4 p.m. at the church under the direction of J.O. Liggett; Margie Patten, pianist and Delores Massey, organist.

Rev. Andrew Cuthbertson is the pastor of Pleasant Hill located on 517 Baldwin Avenue.

SALEM BAPTIST
The Salem Missionary Circle of Salem Baptist Church



Rev. Andrew Cuthbertson Pleasant Hill pastor

prepared and delivered 25 Thanksgiving baskets for the shut-ins and needy in their parish.

The following members donated food: Mrs. Willie Clyburn, Dorothy McCullough, Brenda Beatty, Ruby Clyburn, Mary Small, Thelma Small, Zelma Small, Margaret McCullough, Camillia Osborn, Francis McCullough, Lotta Hunter, Doria McCullough and Mary Lou Roberson.

The Circle treasury donated \$50.00. Roger McCullough, Deacon Osbose, Brother Roberson and the Missionary sisters also lent their support.

EAST STONEWALL
The Youth of New East Stoneywall AME Zion Church will sponsor a special service on Sunday, December 3 at 3



Rev. D.O. Hennigan Guest Speaker

p.m. Bertram Hogue will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

The following Sunday, December 10, the Amaleic Choir will sponsor a special service honoring parents at 4 p.m. The James E. McCoy Singers will appear in concert at the church at 6 p.m. on the same evening. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

James E. McCoy is the pastor of New East Stoneywall on 1729 Griens Lane Road.

SALEM BAPTIST
Salem Baptist Church will sponsor their annual musical choir concert on Sunday, December 3 at 7 p.m. The music is extended a gratifying welcome. Salem Baptist is pastored by Rev. Mayhue Bostic.

President To Name Liaison

With Local Governments

Special To The Post
Washington-President Carter has announced his intention to nominate W. Beverly Carter, Jr., as ambassador-at-large to head a new State Department Office for Liaison with State and Local Governments.

Carter, 57, of Philadelphia, Pa. is currently ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

In his new post as head of the Office of Liaison with State and Local Governments, Carter will report directly to the Secretary of State, and also work closely with Jack Watson, assistant to the President for intergovernmental affairs.

The new office will be responsible for communicating with governors and local government leaders on international issues of special interest to them. It will convey their views on those issues to the President and the Secretary of State. It will help senior state and local officials plan their official overseas travel and the visits of foreign officials.

Prior to his present assignment in Liberia, Carter served

as ambassador to Tanzania (1972-1975), and deputy assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs (1969-1972). A career Foreign Service Information Officer, he has served in public affairs and area positions in both the former USA and the State Department.

David H. Shinn has been selected as deputy to Ambassador Carter and will be in charge of the new office until Carter's return in mid-January. Shinn, a career Foreign Service Officer, was most recently detailed to the Mayor's Office in Seattle under the Pearson Amendment domestic assignment program.

Gallery 501

Gallery 501 at the Mint Museum offers a special treat for collectors this Christmas season with the exhibition "Collectors' Ornaments" opening Sun., Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Garden Gallery. The public is invited. The ornaments will be available for purchase. Collectors' Ornaments remain on view through Dec. 28.

So Nice On The Slice.

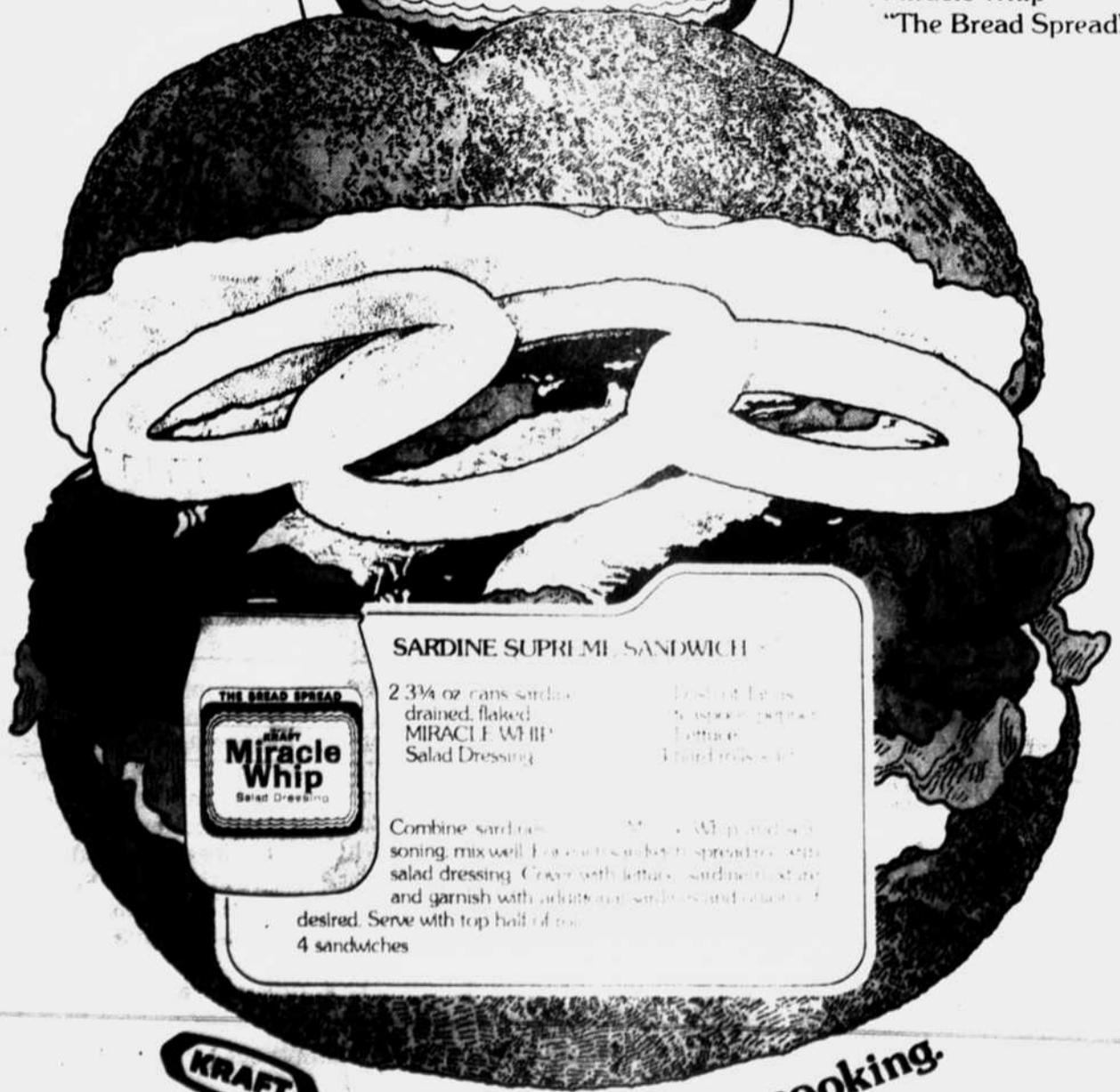


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Rev. Coleman W. Kerry