

By Clara B. Lawrence

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON



Mrs. Lawrence

SUBJECT: Jesus, The Light, Jan. 17, 1982 Lesson

An Overcoming Light	John 1:4, 5
An Announced Light	John 1:6, 8
The True Light	John 1:9, 10
The Challenge of the Light	John 12:44-50



Mrs. Stanley Robinson
...She was Miss Willie Bussey

Miss Willie Ruth Bussey Weds Stanley Robinson

Willie Ruth Bussey and Stanley Bernard Robinson were united in holy matrimony recently at Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Elder E. Lewis officiated the ceremony.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Fred Robinson of Greenwood, S.C.

The bride's parents are deceased.

The nuptial music was provided by organist Cynthia Thompson, with additional music rendered by Ben Byers, Betty Beljemy, Nance Wallace and

Patrick Morgan. Mildred Fairfax was the maid of honor and bridesmaids were Susan Coffey, Len Spencer and Ruby Perry.

The best man was Maurice Wingate. Ushers included Fred Dunlap, Walter Borinson, Kim Robinson, Samuel Jordan and Tilthong Bussey.

The groom is a 1978 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University. The couple are employed as literature evangelists for Family Health Education Services. The couple will honeymoon in Nosoco Pines and Orlando, Florida.

Energy Saving Is Major Concern

By Chris Hedemann
N.C. State University
Homeowners today are most concerned about energy savings and less concerned about the home's appearance and comfort says Dr. Glenda Herman, extension housing specialist at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Herman cites a recent survey which shows that reducing a home's fuel bill is the number one reason a homeowner will remodel. The survey canvassed 323 homeowners from 19 cities and their primary reasons for remodeling were:

- To lower fuel bills - 65 percent
- To cut future maintenance - 55 percent
- To increase resale value - 50 percent
- To improve interior appearance - 47 percent
- To increase comfort - 46 percent
- To improve exterior appearance - 37 percent
- To increase living space - 36 percent

VARY THE MENU
If you entertain or plan to entertain frequently, there is always the danger of getting into a well-worn groove in menu planning, says Marjorie M. Donnelly, extension foods and nutrition specialist at

North Carolina State University.

One of the best ways to prevent this, and perhaps condition your family and friends to appreciate something new, is by preparing at least one new food or recipe each time you entertain, she advises.

Foreign foods are popular today and often come in package mixes or frozen. Learning to prepare and serve them can add variety to special occasions.

And, if you have the time, preparing foreign foods without mixes will give you experience in using seasonings, spices and herbs.

AT HOME COSTS
Auto crash deaths and injuries cost the nation \$2.1 billion a year, more than the total cost of either coronary heart disease or stroke.

These findings come from a study comparing costs of cancer, auto accident, heart disease and stroke, says Dr. Justine Lozier, extension specialist in family resource management at North Carolina State University.

The cost figures include indirect costs of lost productivity resulting from premature death or disability.

Washington Heights Garden Club News

Mrs. Edena Williams of 1826 Taylor Avenue was hostess to the January meeting of the Washington Heights Garden Club.

President Nancy English presided over the meeting. Several topics were discussed for the new year. Secret pals were chosen for 1982 and discussion was carried forth on restoring a member to the club.

Since February is Valentine month the president asked three people to bring information on how Valentine's Day originated. Responsible for this chore are Mrs. Betty Jean Funderberk, Mrs. Essie Stovall and Mrs. Gertrude Williams.

Members present at the meeting were Mrs. Nancy English, Mrs. Lois Scott, Mrs. Edena Williams, Mrs. Ethel Choate, Mrs. Willette Patterson, Mrs. Essie Stovall, Mrs. Lillie Mae Carter, Mrs. Gertrude Williams, Mrs. Betty Jean Funderberk, Mrs. Cora Gaither and Mrs. Bertha Sowell.

Mrs. Viola Allison will be the hostess for the February meeting. She lives at 5301 Elderbank Drive.

Hospitality Tea Scheduled For Sunday

The Charlotte chapter of the Bennett College Alumnae Association announces its annual Hospitality Tea for prospective students interested in attending Bennett College and their parents.

The affair will be held January 17, 1982 at the Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Road, at 5 p.m.

For more information contact Patricia Hagood, Chapter President at 568-3557.

LESSON BACKGROUND

Reference to natural light begin at Genesis 1:3, where we read, that God said "Let there be light," and light came to be by His command. Jeremiah described God as the One who "giveth the sun for a light by day, and ... of the moon and the stars for a light by night." (Jer. 31:35). Throughout the Old Testament, people were told to look for a bright, shining star that would rise out of Judah, and the star over Bethlehem pointed the way to that Light from heaven when Jesus was born.

Verses 1-3 (not shown) inform us that John did assert that the 'word' was 'in the beginning,' which means that Jesus is eternal, and there was only one God existing as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. John also said that the 'Word' was 'with God,' and the 'Word' was God. This passage of Scripture ends with the fact that all things through Him came into being, and apart from Him, there came into being not even one thing which has come into being.

LESSON EXPLAINED
This is the last in a series of seven lessons this quarter on the theme: THE PERSON and WORK of JESUS as: Son of God, Son of man, Savior, Messiah, Lord and Servant. Now we study Him as Light.

Jesus is Light because He brings divine truths needed for living the abundant life on earth as we move on to eternal life in heaven. After having identified Jesus as "the Word" John introduced another key word in his Gospel—"Life" to portray Him. A Light which illuminates the way of mankind. That Light pierces the darkness and continues to shine because as John tells us, there is not enough darkness to put it out or overcome it.

All the verbs in verses 1-4 are expressed in past tense, but the tense changes with verse 5. This suggest continuous action, which cannot be overcome. An example was the conflict at Calvary, where light and darkness came into direct confrontation, and the Light prevailed.

John's work is described as that of a witness to bear testimony of the Light. He came into the darkness, proclaiming the good news that the Sun had risen, and the Light was shining. When the priests and Levites asked him "Who art thou?" John replied "I am not the Christ, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." (Jn. 1:19-21).

Verse 10 says that when God's agent of creation was in the world, His creatures did not recognize Him.

John 12:44-50 seems to be a summary of His message to His own people. Verse 44 can be made clearer by these words: "He that believeth on me, believeth not (only) on me, but (also) on Him that sent me." God cannot be seen by human eyes because He is a Spirit, but He can be seen in the body of Jesus. This is the message in verse 45.

Jesus said: "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth in me should not abide in darkness." He came to illuminate the saving way to God. The tense of the verb "am come" indicates that this coming was permanent. (vs. 46).

He had not come to condemn those who might reject Him. Judgment was in the hands of God, and to reject God's goodness and grace carried its own inherent results. This verse may sound contradictory to what John wrote earlier where he quoted Jesus as saying "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (Jn. 5:22). Such judgment is being reserved for implementation at the second coming of Christ. He came to save people from their sins at His first coming. (Lk. 9:56; 19:10).

The lesson closes with Jesus reemphasizing His close relationship with the Father.

CLOSING SUMMARY
Jesus, the source of life, is also the light that darkness cannot overcome. He is the true Light that shines on everyone so that we might be conformed to His image. As we walk in harmony with Him, His light is communicated to the world through us.

George Dunlap Named Alpha Man of Year

DURHAM - George T. Dunlap, Sr. of Charlotte has been named North Carolina Alpha Man of the Year by the North Carolina Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha, Inc. He holds a Bachelor of arts degree and the master of arts degree from North Carolina Central University.

Dunlap is a psychologist with the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System.

He was sponsored as Alpha Man of the Year candidate by Beta Nu

Lambda Chapter of Charlotte, which cited him for outstanding work with the elderly, youth college students, and community organizations.

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