



LUNCH COSTUMES- Cafeteria workers at South Hoke School held a recent "Bicentennial Dinner", complete with old-fashioned dress. Pictured, left to right, are Stella Thomas, Zella Harris, Juanita Clark, Lois Locklear, Martha Locklear, Neda Dial, and Tommy Locklear.

# Sunday School Lesson

Background Scripture:  
Matthew 21:6 through 22:14.  
Devotional Reading:  
Isiah 55:6-13.

Several years ago, Dr. Karl Menninger wrote a book with the intriguing title, **WHATEVER BECAME OF SIN?** Contrary to some of his professional colleagues, this eminent psychiatrist sees the loss of the concept of sin as very harmful to both individuals and society as a whole. According to Dr. Menninger, a concept of sin is of vital importance for a man's emotional health.

It must be acknowledged that the Christian concept of sin and the concomitant idea of repentance are not very popular today. It's not so much that people speak against these themes, but that they simply ignore them.

Many Christians seem to fall into either one or two categories in regard to this matter: either they take sin too seriously or not seriously enough. Striking a proper balance between these two extremes is often a difficult task.

The problem is, of course, is not with the Christian gospel, but rather with what we make of it. On the one hand, many of us tend to focus upon others when we think of sin. The "sinner" is the other

fellow, the person whose values and life style are quite different, the person who is "outside my church". For many of us the "sinner" is the non-church-goer, the frequenter of the corner bar, the user of profane language, etc.—in short: the "other guy".

Thus, we may believe in sin and repentance...for someone else! There seems to be little need for it inside our cozy little church where we all lead respectable lives and adhere to the right doctrines. To put it somewhat crassly: When it comes to the Kingdom of God, we are the "in" crowd! Right?

Wrong!  
Of course, that's what was assumed by those who heard Jesus. They thought of themselves as the "in" crowd and the term "sinners" was reserved for the other guy—the people who were not very devoted to the strict observance of the law and customs of the religious elite, the tax collectors, thieves, harlots, non-Hebrews, etc. But they were very, very wrong, said Jesus: "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you" (Matt. 21:31).

Unless there was some radical repentance, the "in" crowd would be OUT!  
The problem was that the scribes and the pharisees focused too much on the sins of others and too little on their own sins. They were like the son in the parable that Jesus told: They say "yes" to God, but don't really do what he wants. For them, religion is simply "talking a good game".

The real "in" crowd in the Kingdom of God are those who know that the challenge to repentance through Christ is meant for them!

## ---SMITH QUITS---

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edge of basketball," he said. Johnson played basketball at Mars Hill College from 1968-72 as a guard and forward, and was captain of the team his junior and senior years there.

He will teach physical education (his major) next year at Hoke High. Johnson, 26 and single, plans to move to Raeford this summer after he completes a three week stint as one of the coaches at the Dean Smith Basketball School at Chapel Hill.

"I really enjoy working at the school. I really consider it a vacation," he said.

He said he had learned a lot by working at the camp, and that he has used some of the techniques learned there.

"I think it is very important that my kids believe in me and my system," he said.

Johnson said he has used the four corners offense and it depended on the type personnel he had and the type situation the team was in, whether he would use it or not.

"I like to play with the personnel I have, and from what I have heard, there is an abundance of talent in this area and I'm looking forward to it," he said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me," he added.

He said he was very anxious to get started and wanted to express his gratitude for the confidence the administration had in him.

"I am thrilled to be here and I can't wait to get started. I really appreciate the confidence of the superintendent, the school board, the principal, and Coach Pecora," he said.

"I've been told that the community is really behind the school and the athletic program, and I'm really looking forward to meeting the community," he concluded.

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### CARD OF THANKS

The family wishes to express their appreciation for the expressions of kindness and sympathy. The knowledge that our loss is shared by so many has been a great comfort to us. The family of Mrs. Ollie Lee Morrison. 45C



Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)

On a beautiful Sunday morning, I walked with confidence into the door and up the lovely stairway of Wesley Church in Hamilton, Bermuda. A feeling of deep joy filled my heart. For years my family sat in the same pew, and I had the comfortable feeling of belonging.

As I enter the building where I work with many others, often the feeling of belonging makes me grateful.

When I read God's word, my heart surges with the greatest joy of all -- the utter joy of belonging to Jesus Christ.

What a comfort it must have been to the Master Himself, after walking miles along the dusty roads of Palestine, to find refuge and fellowship in the home of His dear friends of Bethany!

PRAYER: Our loving heavenly Father, we do thank Thee for the wonderful heritage of a truly Christian home, and for parents who through their love and service for Thee provided for their children a sound foundation. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Belonging to the family of Jesus Christ is the greatest heritage on earth.

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March 8th, 1976

TO THE CITIZENS OF HOKE COUNTY:  
I will take this opportunity to thank you for making a very important decision for me. Two weeks ago, I fully intended to resign the Office of Sheriff, giving the County Board of Commissioners a six month's notice in order to find a suitable replacement.  
Since that time, because of your many letters, personal contacts with me, and your Petitions with more than one thousand and seven hundred signatures; consisting of many from all races in the county, I feel that you have made me see the light. "Sometimes a man can't see the forest because of the trees." I am not egotistical enough to think that all signing the Petitions in my behalf would support me in an election, but you have made me realize that an elected official should only leave office by one of two methods; either by his own choice or defeated by a majority at the Polls in an election. This is the democratic way. I am proud to live in a County where the people make their decisions by individual thinking and not because they belong to any particular group or any reports received through the News Media.  
There are those that will say I am not a man of my word. I will accept this without comment. I intend to serve my full term of Office. I may have many other titles, but "Quitter" is not and will not be one of them.  
Whenever I leave the Office of Sheriff; I shall leave proud and with my head held high because I have had the opportunity to be an official elected by the fine citizens of Hoke County.  
I again thank you for your concern.  
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