

Easter sunrise service of the church was well attended Sunday evening. The program was sponsored by Mrs. Lucy Williams. Mrs. J. H. Williams was the guest speaker. She is the wife of the Rev. J. H. Williams, pastor of Old Fort circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilkins, and Mrs. Nathaniel Long spent Sunday in McCain and Fayetteville visiting the sick, Mrs. H. L. Baxter, Mrs. Sallie Simpson, and W. M. Allen. They are doing fine.

is doing fine after undergoing a minor operation. Miss Eva Hampton and Jesse Wood of Asheville were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Stamey. Guests also included the Nabors family. The Briscoes spent the Easter holidays at the home town church, Zion Grove, Rutherfordton. On Easter morning the Carson family was visiting in Tryon with Mrs. Ruth Moore, Mr. Carson's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Stepp and their niece, Ann Pertiller, spent Easter Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Marion. Mrs. Pinkney of Asheville is visiting her brother, T. H. Summey, of Black Mountain. There was a birthday party given for Anthony and William Stafford on Easter Sunday, March 25 by their grandmother, Mrs. Alice Rutherford. Twelve attended the party.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shuman and son, Donald Lee, spent several days over the week end with Mrs. Shuman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Benton of Gate City, Va., her daughter, Mrs. Freeman Thacker and family in Kingsport, Tenn., and sister, Mrs. Carl Franklin and family in Weber City, Va.

You Spare 9 Minutes to Read

white or black. But your way of speaking must be "Yes" or "No." Anything that goes beyond that comes from the evil one.

You have heard that they were told, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I tell you not to retaliate with injury, but if anyone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other to him too; and if anyone takes away your coat, let him have your shirt also.



And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go two miles with him. If anyone begs from you, do not turn away.

You have heard that they were told, "You must love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for your persecutors, that you may show yourselves true sons of your Father in heaven, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good alike, and makes the rain fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love only those who love you, what reward can you expect? Do not the very tax-collectors do that? And if you are polite to your brothers and no one else, what is remarkable in that? Do not the very heathen do that? So you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is.

But take care not to do your good deeds in public to be seen by people, for if you do, you will get no reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give to charity, do not blow a trumpet



before yourself, as the hypocrites do, in places of public worship and the streets, to make people praise them. I tell you, that is all the reward they will get! But when you give to charity, your own left hand must not know what your right hand is doing, so that your charity may be secret, and your Father who sees what is secret will reward you.

When you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, for they like to pray standing in places of worship and in the corners of the squares, to let people see them. I tell you, that is the only reward they will get! But when you pray, go into your own room, and shut the door, and pray to your Father who is unseen, and your Father who sees what is secret will reward you. And when you pray, do not repeat empty phrases as the heathen do, for they imagine that their prayers will be heard if they use words enough. You must not be like them. For God, who is your



Father, knows what you need before you ask him. So, therefore, is the way you are to pray:
Our Father in heaven, Your name be revered!
Your kingdom come!
Your will be done on earth as it is done in heaven!
Give us today bread for the day,
and forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven our debtors.
And do not subject us to temptation,
but save us from the evil one.

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For if you forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will forgive you too. But if you do not forgive others when they offend you, your heavenly Father will not forgive you for your offenses.

★ When you fast, do not put on a gloomy look, like the hypocrites, for they neglect their personal appearance to let people see that they are fasting. I tell you, that is all the reward they will get. But when you fast, perfume your hair and wash your face, so that no one may see that you are fasting, except your Father who is unseen, and your Father who sees what is secret, will reward you.

★ Do not store up your riches on earth, where moths and rust destroy them, and where thieves break in and steal them, but store up your riches in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and where thieves cannot break in and steal them. For wherever your treasure is, your heart will be also.



The eye is the lamp of the body. If then your eye is sound, your whole body will be light, but if your eye is unsound, your whole body will be dark. If, therefore, your very light is darkness, how deep the darkness will be! No slave can belong to two masters, for he will either hate one and love the other, or stand by one and make light of the other. You cannot serve God and money. Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about life, wondering what you will have to eat or drink, or about your body, wondering what you will have to wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body than clothes? Look at the wild birds. They do not sow or reap, or store their food in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more account than they? But which of you with all his worry can add a single hour to his life? Why should you worry about clothing? See how the wild flowers grow. They do not toil or spin, and yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendor was never dressed like one of them. But if God so beautifully dresses the



wild grass, which is alive today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more surely clothe you, you who have so little faith? So do not worry and say, "What shall we have to eat?" or "What shall we have to drink?" or "What shall we have to wear?" For these are all things the heathen are in pursuit of, and your heavenly Father knows well that you need all this. But you must make his kingdom, and uprightness before him, your greatest care, and you will have all these other things besides. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will have worries of its own. Let each day be content with its own ills.

★ Pass no more judgments upon other people, so that you may not have judgment passed upon you. For you will be judged by the standard you judge by, and men will pay you back with the same measure you have used with them. Why do you keep looking at the speck in your brother's eye, and pay no attention to the beam that is in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Just let me get that speck out of your eye," when all the time there is a beam in your own? You hypocrite! First get the beam out of your own eye, and then you can see to get the speck out of your brother's eye.

★ Do not give what is sacred to dogs, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, or they will trample them under their feet and turn and tear you in pieces. Ask, and what you ask will be given you. Search, and you will find what you search for. Knock, and the door will open to you. For it is always the one who asks who receives, and the one who searches who finds, and the one who knocks to whom the door opens. Which of you men when his son asks him for some bread will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a snake? So if you, bad as you



are, know enough to give your children what is good, how much more surely will your Father in heaven give what is good to those who ask him for it! Therefore, you must always treat other people as you would like to have them treat you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

★ Go in at the narrow gate. For the road that leads to destruction is broad and spacious, and there are many who go in by it. But the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few that find it.

★ Beware of the false prophets, who come to you disguised as sheep but are ravenous wolves underneath. You can tell them by their fruit. Do people pick grapes off thorns, or figs off thistles? Just so any sound tree bears good fruit, but a poor tree bears bad fruit. No sound tree can bear bad fruit, and no



poor tree can bear good fruit. Any tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and burned. So you can tell them by their fruit. It is not everyone who says to me "Lord! Lord!" who will get into the Kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that Day, "Lord! Lord! Was it not in your name that we prophesied, and by your name that we drove out demons, and by your name that we did many mighty acts?" Then I will say to them plainly, "I never knew you! Go away from me, you who do wrong!"

★ Everyone, therefore, who listens to this teaching of mine and acts upon it, will be like a sensible man who built his house on rock. And the rain fell, and the rivers rose, and the winds blew, and beat about that house, and it did not go down, for its foundations were on rock. And anyone who listens to this teaching of mine and does not act upon it, will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. And the rain fell and the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat about that house, and it went down, and its downfall was complete.

★ When Jesus had finished this discourse, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them like one who had authority and not like their scribes.

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