

GO TO CHURCH SOMEWHERE THIS SUNDAY

TREASURES OF DARKNESS



GEORGE L. HOCUTT
Pastor, Ridgcrest Baptist Church

TEXT: I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by name, am the God of Israel. Isaiah 45-3.

The "treasures of darkness" are great gifts promised to God's people at a time when they are most needed. Do not let your mind dwell upon crime, sin, and terror as darkness falls around you. Instead walk out into the open and look upon the world's largest stage. All the settings are by God Himself. Thousands of twinkling stars, the beautiful moon, the lighted path called the "milky way", all that you see, speaks not of darkness but of the assured presence of God.

Darkness brings rest to tired bodies, worn weary with labor. Someone has called it, "sweet sleep that knits up the raveled sleeve of care."

Some of our finest works of art have been created, in the minds of men, as they lay upon their beds awaiting sleep. Some of the finest passages of the Bible came from the darkest periods of persecution.

To every man comes the darkness. What about the treasures? Are yours courage, self-control and faith in God? If they are, then you welcome the darkness. If instead you fear every creeping thing, then you need to hear anew the words of Jesus when He said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love." A love that is abundant for the day and the night. Henry Ward Beecher says it this way, "Love is the Seraph, and faith and hope are but the wings by which it flies." Never a night is too dark for the love of God to shine through.

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St. Margaret-Mary Catholic Church (Government)
Masses: Sunday 8 & 10 a.m.
Holy Days: 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Pastor: Father Henry J. Becker | First Baptist Church
C. W. Smith, pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.
Church services, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6:30 p.m.
Evening services, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m. | Swannanoa Church of God
Philip A. Genetti, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a.m.
Youth meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Evangelistic meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday evening service, 7:00 p.m. |
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Town Topics

Edith K. Benedict

'Round and 'Round

Those zinnias on Cherry Street have had whatever flowers take instead of vitamins; they are some of the largest around here anywhere...maybe just as well. Olive Granger was forced into placing portulaca in her window boxes because they make a colorful spot on a sunny morning and come in more different shades than you could imagine...Mr. Griffin's marigolds are adding to the sunniness of the west side of the street, too, just as they did last year...all in all, Smithfield plan or not, I for one, think Cherry looks better than it ever has...we keep watching and speculating about the blocks piled up on the east side of Black Mountain Ave. (across from the Key City Laundry), looks as though someone is ready to build something—but what? We pass a place many times without noticing anything different about its appearance and bing—o—all of a sudden it registers. Such a thing happened today in passing Hob and Nedra Watson's home on Rhododendron. It was a large brown inconspicuous house not too long ago and today it is a beautiful, gray shingled, old fashioned home overlooking the lake...nice. Although air conditioning is comfortable for a short time and has been a welcome relief from this week's heat...I wonder if those who work in an air conditioned place all day don't suffer when the day is over and they must return to the outside temperature...soak up all the sun you can because, whether we like it or not, the summer is nearly gone...in spite of rumors here and there that the summer business has been "off" all indications are that the building of large expensive homes is taking a forward leap and there are even rumors of possible new business buildings soon...and speaking of buildings, have you seen the progress being made on the new rest home on the Montreat road.

New Broom

Verlon Morris, newest addition to the local police force, seems to have an eye for the unusual or suspicious. At any rate the home boys are proud that one of their members was able to apprehend the bad boy from Lejeune. Congratulations to Mr. Morris.

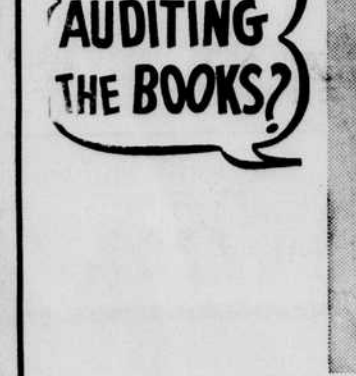
Town Board

The next scheduled meeting of the town board is coming up August 21 and if those who proclaim interest in such meetings will attend it should

JU-LEE'S CAFETERIA

Free Dinner for M. E. Head
BRING THIS AD
Before August 22nd 1963

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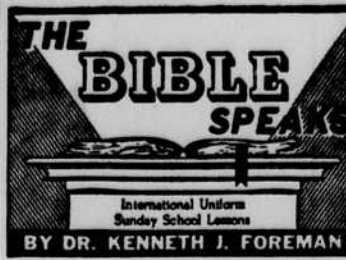
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Rev. George Reynolds, Pastor
10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship Service
7:30 p.m. Evening Worship
mont road.



Test of Faith

Lesson for August 18, 1963
Bible Material: Genesis 21 through 25
Devotional Reading: Lamentations 3:55-58

ONE of the strangest stories anywhere is the story of Abraham preparing to kill his only son Isaac and offer the dead body as a burnt offering to God. The deeper question is one which we shall not pursue here: Can we believe that the God whom Christ revealed to us would for any reason command murder of this sort? Or if He did not really mean it, what kind of God would perpetrate such a cruel joke? Many Christians, when they stop to think about this, find themselves in a terrible dilemma; and so they take refuge in calling the story a kind of parable rather than literal fact.

A believing man's conviction

Let us come down to a more manageable, even if still difficult problem. Let us think about the state of Abraham's mind. This good man had a conviction that the same God who had promised him a son was now commanding him to sacrifice that son just as (in those days) a bull or a cow would have been sacrificed, by knife and fire, a burnt offering in honor of God. The difficulty is now not theological but psychological. How could a good man believe such a thing? If a good man were caught making an attack with a deadly weapon on his own son, and if he told the police to leave him alone, because "God ordered me to do this," the police would turn him over to a psychiatrist. For today any man who would explain a killing he was about to commit, on the ground that this was God's will, would be regarded as obviously insane.

The answer to that is fairly easy

if we imagine ourselves back in Abraham's time and place. Child-sacrifice, human sacrifice, was common, as the Bible and archaeology testify. Indeed, Abraham's neighbors might easily have jeered at him for having a cheap religion because he had not sacrificed his son. Anyhow, Abraham lived at a time when such an idea as God's commanding him to sacrifice Isaac could not be brushed off (as it would by any sane man today) as a crazy notion. He really believed that was what his God wanted.

A believer's conscience

Abraham lost no time doing what he firmly believed to be God's command. Now a great many people have consciences they do not use. "You ought" or "You ought not" are only little buzzing static in the mind, fainter and fainter as time goes on and the person pays less and less attention to what his conscience is trying to say. The good man listens to his conscience; his convictions appear in his actions. He is not fond of saying "I know I ought to, but..." If he knows or believes he ought to, he acts accordingly. We can call this conscientiousness, but we can call it also obedience. So far as the voice of conscience is the voice of God, following the conscience is obeying the voice of God. It is true, as history shows us, that a man may think an action is good which future centuries will mark down as evil.

A believer's crown

This strange story ends with God saying, "I will bless you... because you have obeyed my voice." The story brings out the point that sacrificing his only son was the last thing Abraham wanted to do. It is easy enough to do what is right when that suits our convenience; but when what I want and what I ought to do are not the same thing, then it's another story. Abraham has been honored around the world ever since, because he was one man for whom the number one question always was: Is this the will of God?

Does a believing man have any reward except a kind of satisfaction in having done the right thing? Yes, he may have the reward Abraham had. Every man has even in this life some particular rewards for at least some of the good he has done; and these rewards are not all the same. Abraham was given the promise of a nation descended from him, and of being a blessing to all mankind. This could not come to every one! But isn't it likely that the best reward he could possibly have was that God approved of him? To be "approved unto God" is the brightest crown a servant and friend of God can wear.

Friendship Presbyterian
Montreat Road
Rev. Joseph H. Armfield, Jr.
Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.;
worship service, 11 a.m.; young
people, 7 p.m.; prayer service,
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Homer's Chapel
Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Johnson White, Minister
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.;
morning worship, 11:00 a.m.;
young people's league, 6 p.m.;
evening worship, 7:30; Wednesday
prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMOUNT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
One mile South of Black
Mountain at Christmount Assembly
grounds. Bible study
hour at 9:45 followed by communion
service each Sunday.

MONTREAT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Prayer meetings, 4:00 p.m.
at the Inn and 7:15 p.m. in
Gaither Chapel.

VANCE AVENUE BAPTIST
CHURCH
Franklin Justus, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer service Wednesday
at 7:30.

Lakey Gap Presbyterian Ch.
Pastor, Rev. C. W. Solomon
10 a.m., Sunday school; 11
morning worship; 3:30 p.m.,
2nd and 4th Sundays, young
people; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
circle meetings, 2nd Tuesday
in month; "Hymnsing" 1st
Sunday quarterly, 2 p.m.

MOUNTAIN VIEW
BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Robert Clayton, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Preaching service, 11 a.m.
B. T. U., 7:00 p.m.
Evening service, 8:00.

FAITH FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
1 Mile West new No. 70
Rev. Raymond Shell, Pastor
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday evening prayer
service 7:00 p.m.

EAST BLACK MOUNTAIN
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Rev. Jack Jones, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Preaching service, 11 a.m.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday
evening at 7.

Grovestone Baptist Church
G. Hanford Hamby, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.;
morning worship, 11; training
union, 6:30 p.m.; worship service,
7:30 p.m.; W.M.S., 2nd
Tuesday night in month;
Wednesday prayer service,
7:30 p.m.

FABERNACLE METHODIST
CHURCH
Gordon E. Keeler, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Preaching service, 11 a.m.
M.Y.F., 6:30.
W. S. C. S., third Tuesday
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montreat Rd.—Dial NO 9-5271
Rev. Robert W. Gray, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship service, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday evening 7:30
Prayer meeting.

FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST
Rev. E. L. Beachboard, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Church service, 11 a.m.
Sunday night service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday
at 7 P.M.

BLACK MOUNTAIN FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Cor. Church and Connally Sts.
Rev. Bruce Nay, pastor.
Walter Harris, superintendent.
Sunday School, 11 a.m.
Bible School, 10 a.m. Morning
Worship and the Lord's Supper
11 a.m.

KERLEE BAPTIST
CHURCH
Ridgecrest Road
Rev. W. R. Moss, Pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
B.T.U., 6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer service Wednesday
at 7:30 p.m.

BLUE RIDGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD
Corner of Blue Ridge Road
and Herron St. Rev. Roger B.
Christensen, pastor. Phone
NO 9-8751. Church school,
10 a.m.; morning worship, 11;
evening worship, 7; youth
fellowship, 8 p.m.; mid-week
service, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

BLACK MOUNTAIN
METHODIST CHURCH
Corner State and Church Sts.
JAMES B. McLARTY,
Minister.
Church School, 9:45 a.m.;
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship
8:00 p.m., Wednesday Prayer
Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Holy
Communion each first Sunday, 9:00
a.m. in the chapel.

CHURCH OF GOD
Lahey Street
C. M. Winstead, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday evening prayer
meeting, 7:30 p.m.
Young People's meeting
Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL
CHURCH
417 Vance Ave.—NO 9-7126
Rev. Kenneth Donald, Rector
Sunday: 8 a.m., Holy
Communion; 9:45 a.m., Church
School & Adult Class; 11 a.m.,
Family Service 7 p.m., Even-
song.

WEEKDAY SERVICES:
10 a.m., Prayer Book Feast
Days and Holy Days; Holy
Communion. Other services as
announced.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Montreat Road
A. T. Usher, pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Training Union, 7 p.m.
Evening Worship, 8 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service, 7:45 p.m.

RIDGECREST
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
George L. Hocutt, pastor
Sunday school, 9:45; morn-
ing worship, 11; B.T.U. 6
P.M.—evening worship, 8 P.M.
Wednesday prayer service,
7:45 P.M.

Church of God of Prophecy
The Church of God
Swannanoa. Rev. Sam
Maney. Friday and Saturday
7:30 p.m. Everybody
come.

Methodist Church
Rev. Douglas R. Beard, pastor
Church school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship, 11:00
Youth Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
Rev. Henry S. Schum, pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Church Service, 11:00
Youth Fellowship, 7:00
Prayer Service, Wed., 7:30

Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Milton Hollifield, pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Preaching service, 11 a.m.
Evening services:
League, 6:15 p.m.
Worship in song, 7:00 p.m.
Message, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, prayer service,
7:00 p.m.

See Tree Baptist Church
Pastor: Rev. Albert Park
Sunday School 10 a.m. Preaching
services 11 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
m. Wednesday 7:30 Sing
first Sunday of each month
7:30 p.m.

See Tree Christian Church
Pastor, Harlan Ogle
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Christian Creek Baptist
Church
C. A. Hensley, pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Preaching services, 11
a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Gospel Singing every
Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m.

BROAD RIVER
Laurel Springs Baptist Church
Pastor, Rev. Fate Kirshen
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
worship service, 11 a.m.; evening
service, 7:30; Tuesday
night prayer meeting, 7:30

Stone Mountain Baptist
Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.
Rev. Clark McKinney, pastor
preaching, 11.

Chestnut Hill Missionary
Baptist Church
Rev. James Frizzell, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Preaching service 11 a.m.
Evening service, 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday
7:30 p.m.

Broad River Baptist Ch.
Rev. Dolph Robinson, pastor
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
preaching, 11 a.m.; evening
service, 7:30.

Willkie Baptist Church
Ernest W. Craig, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday
night at 7:00.

Catawba Falls Baptist Ch.
Tull Hollifield, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Church service, 11:00 a.m.
Evening service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday prayer service
7:00 p.m.

Clear Branch Pentecostal
Holiness Church
Broad River.
Allan Dawson, pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Lifeliners service, 7 p.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.

OLD FORT
Wesleyan Methodist Church
Services
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Wed. Service, 7:30 p.m.
The 7:30 services will
change back to 7:00 p.m. at
the first of October.
Rev. Roy H. Parker

Church of God
Moffitt Hill, Old Fort, N. C.
Rev. Lloyd Camp, pastor.
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Evening service, 7:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Frank D. Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m.
B.T.U., 7:00 p.m.
Evening worship, 8 p.m.

Presbyterian Church
John C. Neville, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning worship
Methodist Church
Harold Reeves, Pastor
Sunday school, 10:00 a.m.
Morning worship 11:00 a.m.
M.Y.F., 6:30 p.m.
week service, choir practice
Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.—mid-

Brookside Baptist Church
Old Fort, N. C.
Clifford Burnett, Pastor
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
7 p.m. Evening Worship
p.m. Wednesday-Prayer
Meeting

Free Will Baptist Church
Rev. Wilco Melton, pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning worship, 11 a.m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Thursday,
7:30 p.m.

OLD FORT
CHURCH OF GOD
Rev. E. B.
Commerce St. Sunday school, 11
10 a.m.; morning worship, 11
evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday prayer meeting
7:30 p.m.; young people
deavor, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

ASHEVILLE
First Church of Christ
Scientists
64 N. French Broad Ave.
Asheville, N. C.
Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday service, 8 p.m.
Sunday services, 11:00 a.m.