

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

PERSONAL CHRISTIAN WITNESS

International Sunday School Lesson
For March 7th

Golden Text: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."—John 20:21.

Lesson Text: Acts 8:26-39.

During the persecution of the followers of Christ which succeeded the stoning of Stephen, many of the disciples fled from Jerusalem. Philip, one of the seven deacons, who had been selected to help in the work of the Church, went to Samaria, where he successfully bore witness to his Lord. In the midst of his work, he suddenly felt compelled to leave for the road which led from Jerusalem to Gaza.

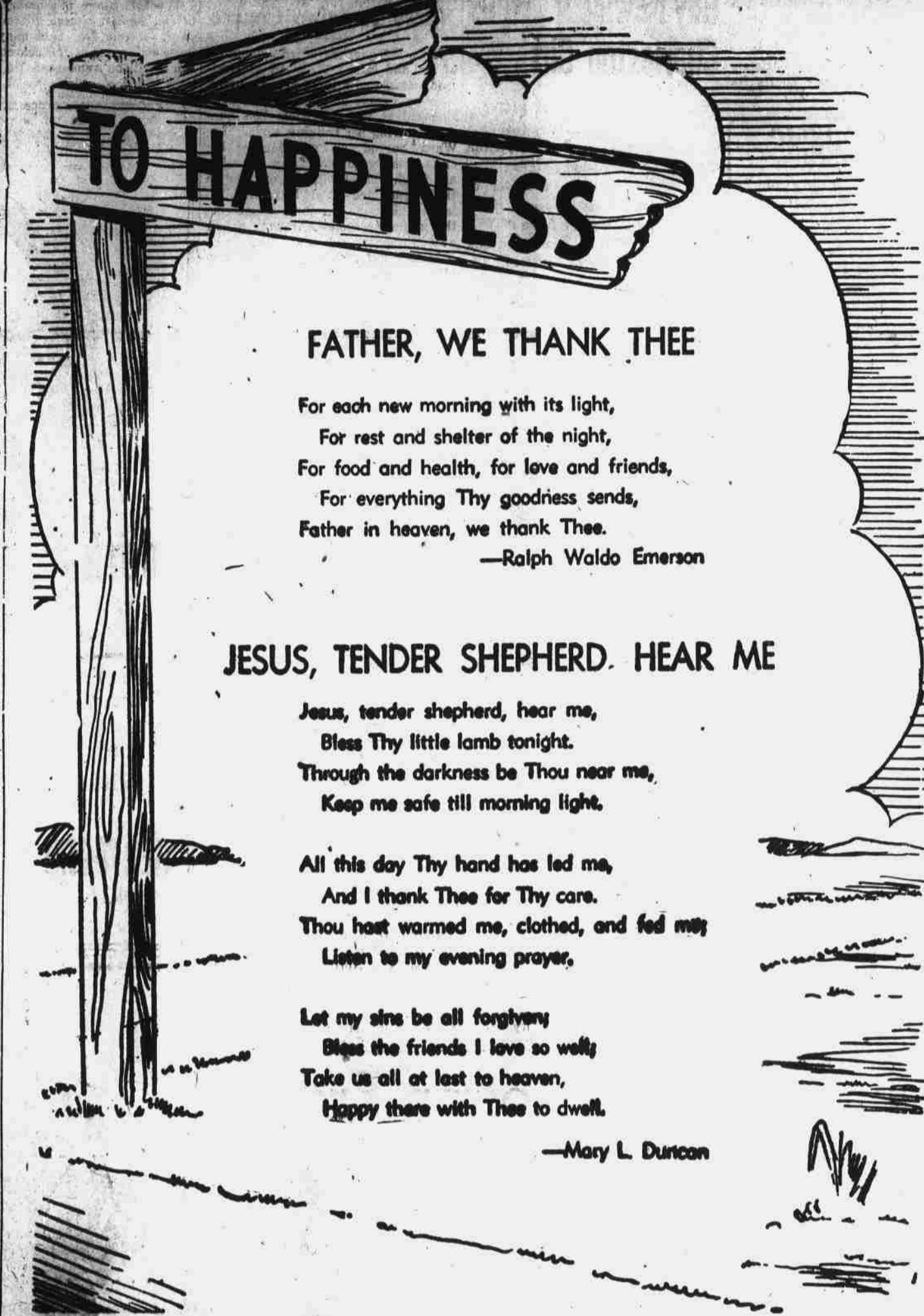
Obedient to the call and following the impelling leadership, Philip saw a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who had been to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home. Approaching the chariot, Philip heard him reading aloud to himself and the passage of Scripture which he was reading was from the prophecy of Isaiah.

Hailing the eunuch, Philip inquired, "Understandest thou what thou readest?" It is evident that God was working from both ends—leading the witness to the man and leading the man, who should receive the message, to the witness. God always works in this way—God prepares the way for the message to be delivered by the messenger dedicated to God.

The frank reply of the eunuch to Philip's question opened the way for a full exposition of the plan of salvation. Beginning with Isaiah's prophecy concerning Jesus, Philip preached unto him Jesus, simply telling what he personally knew of him, which, after all, is all that a witness is supposed to tell.

So clear was his story and so effectively was the message given that the eunuch received the message, accepted Jesus as his Saviour and then desired baptism with water by Philip. The closing portion of the story tells of the eunuch and Philip going down into the water, with the believer immersed in the likeness of Christ's death and resurrection. When they came up out of the water, Philip was taken by the Spirit to a new field of service and the saved eunuch went on his way rejoicing.

The story illustrates five elements which are helpful if one would be an effective soul-winner. First, one should pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, both to prepare the heart of the messenger and also to prepare the heart of those to be won. Then one should have a message to deliver. A witness is one who has seen or experienced something. A person who has no message cannot be a witness. While everyone does not have an unusual spiritual experience, or spectacular conversion, every Christian witness should be able to tell another how he had been saved and what Christ has done for him. The witness should realize the



TO HAPPINESS

FATHER, WE THANK THEE

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For food and health, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

JESUS, TENDER SHEPHERD. HEAR ME

Jesus, tender shepherd, hear me,
Bless Thy little lamb tonight.
Through the darkness be Thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day Thy hand has led me,
And I thank Thee for Thy care.
Thou hast warmed me, clothed, and fed me;
Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven;
Bless the friends I love so well;
Take us all at last to heaven,
Happy there with Thee to dwell.

—Mary L. Duncan

seriousness of his, or her, task. It is a task that is uppermost in the heart of God and involves the death of Christ on the cross. The faithful performance of this task transforms the life of the witness and the person who hear and believes the message. A lost and dying world has no hope apart from this message which

Christ has entrusted to his disciples. "Go, ye, and make disciples of all nations," he said. The witness should make adequate preparation. Of course, his life should be consistent with his Christian profession, showing the happiness and wholesome ideals which

(Concluded on Page Three)

Be a Better Citizen! Go to Some Church Next Sunday

HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH
D. L. Fouts, Pastor
Church School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
Choir rehearsal Saturday, 8:00 P. M.

Perquimans Church Services

HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH
C. W. Duling, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.

BAGLEY SWAMP PILGRIM
Coy S. Saunders, Pastor
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.
Young People's Meeting, 6:00 P. M.
Evening Worship, 7:00 o'clock.
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

BETHLEHEM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
W. H. Marler, Pastor
Church services first and third Sundays at 3:00 P. M.
Christian Union, 7:30 P. M.

BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH
Church services first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.
Sunday School at 10:00 A. M.
Burgess and Bethlehem Churches hold Christian Union together on second and fourth Sundays.

PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES
E. B. Edwards, Pastor
First Sunday:
New Hope Church, 11:00 A. M.
Oak Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Second Sunday
Winfall Church, 11:00 A. M.
Cedar Grove Church, 3:00 P. M.
Woodland Church, 7:00 P. M.
Third Sunday
Oak Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
New Hope Church, 7:00 P. M.
Fourth Sunday
Cedar Grove Church, 11:00 A. M.
Woodland Church, 3:00 P. M.
Winfall Church, 7:30 P. M.
Fifth Sunday
Woodland Church, 11:00 A. M.
Prayer Meeting each Wednesday at Winfall Church at 7:30 P. M.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
E. T. Jilson, Rector
Holy Communion, 9:00 A. M.
Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M.
Church School, 10:00 A. M.
Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 o'clock.
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.

UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH
Elizabeth White, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Church Services, 11 A. M.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M.

WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Harry F. Bean, Pastor
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except first Sunday.
Sunday School first Sunday, 2 P. M.
Church services every first Sunday at 3 P. M.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS MEETING
Bertha V. Smith White, Minister
Bible School, 10 A. M.
Meeting for worship, 11 A. M.

Go To Church -- Your Church -- Any Church -- But Go

THIS PAGE MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FOLLOWING FIRMS:

- Hertford Bus Station**
RAY HASKETT, Owner
- Gulf Service Station**
ZACK ROBERTSON, Owner
- Hertford Banking Company**
MEMBER F. D. I. C.
- Hertford Hardware & Supply Co.**
PAINTS - HARDWARE - BUILDING MATERIALS
- Reed Oil Company**
ESSO PRODUCTS
- Phillips Brothers Bottling Co.**
POP-KOLA - DREAM - BUBBLE UP
- Cannon's Cleaners**
HERTFORD, N. C. PHONE 2511
- Z. A. Harris**
GENERAL MERCHANDISE
- The Southern Cotton Oil Company**
HERTFORD, N. C.

- J. C. Blanchard & Company, Inc.**
"BLANCHARD'S" SINCE 1832
- W. M. Divers & Son**
JEWELER
- Roberson's**
"ON THE CORNER"
- White's Furniture Company**
"A LITTLE FAR OUT, IT'S TRUE, BUT OUT OF HIGH PRICES, TOO"
- Hertford Livestock & Supply Co.**
PHONE 2501 HERTFORD, N. C.
- Major - Loomis Lumber Company**
HERTFORD, N. C.
- Hollowell Chevrolet Company**
HERTFORD, N. C.
- Hertford Oil Company**
SINCLAIR PRODUCTS - U. S. TIRES
- Jordan's Barber Shop**
BILL JORDAN, Prop.

- Wright's Jewelry Store**
"GUARANTEED WATCH REPAIR"
- Simon's**
OUTFITTERS FOR THE FAMILY
- Walker's Cleaners**
PHONE 2976 HERTFORD, N. C.
- Hertford Motor Company**
KAISER-FRAZER SALES AND SERVICE
- W. M. Morgan Furniture Company**
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS - APPLIANCES
- Hertford Cafe**
SAM HOURMOUZIS, Prop.
- Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co.**
YOUR FORD DEALER
- Hertford Locker & Packing Co.**
A COMPLETE LINE OF FROZEN FOODS
- Towe-Webb Motor Company**
CHRYSLER-PLYMOUTH SALES AND SERVICE