

# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

## A RELIGIOUS FAMILY

International Sunday School Lesson  
For September 26, 1948

Golden Text: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—  
Joshua 24:15.

Lesson Text: Acts 16:1-5; II Timothy 1:3-6; 3:14,15.

With this lesson, we bring to a close the series on "Unheralded Bible Characters." Certainly, during the past quarter, we have come to know many men and women who made distinct contributions to their day and age and their examples should inspire many who while they cannot do things, can live their best from day to day, making the world a better place for their having passed through it.

We do not know when or where Paul first came in contact with the family we are to discuss in this lesson. It was while he was on his second missionary journey that he, accompanied by Silas, arrived in Derbe and Lystra. There, as our reference tells us, was a certain disciple, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess that believed; but his father was a Greek. Paul had heard good reports of this young man and needing another helper in his great work, he invited Timothy to join him in the dangerous, difficult work of spreading the gospel. Timothy accepted the invitation and thus began a friendship between two workers in the Kingdom, one now a rather old man and the other a comparatively young man.

How was it that Timothy, a young man, was prepared for service when the call came? Paul himself tells why, when he declares, "From a babe thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Oliver Wendell Holmes wisely said, "To educate a child we must begin with his grandfather." In the case of Timothy, his religious education began with his grandmother, Lois, from her to his mother, Eunice. Timothy received his training in his home and while his grandfather and his father are not mentioned, there evidently was no objection on their part to the religious instruction given the young child.

The fellowship in a truly religious family is the best soil possible for the development of the finest traits of character. In the family circle each member learns to consider the interests of the other members, learning the habits of thoughtfulness and unselfishness. In a Christian home parents and children appreciate and care for each other, and a strong tradition of love and comradeship is established. Their love for each other naturally is expressed in a mutual love for God and, in their worship of Him they find a daily source of strength and joy in family living.

The faith which sustained Timothy in his hours of trial was largely the consequence of the early teachings of his mother and grandmother, both of whom were believers in Jesus Christ. As a young child (babe) he was taught the scriptures and the truths he learned then never departed from him. Most educators agree

that the impressions formed during the early years of a child's life have much to do with the development of later years.

Angelo Patri, in an article in NEA Journal, declared: "Children need to know the comfort and joy of religious feeling, need to be taught the good

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## In the Shadow of the Church

The environment in which the photographers found these boys and girls speaks well for their future.

The picture emphasizes the wisdom they have shown in adding to their secular training a study of the Scriptures as a guide for living. Spiritual development will strengthen their lives in whatever spheres their lots may be cast.

Friendships formed in religious associations are usually more dependable and far more helpful than those picked up in questionable places of amusement.

Spread out before these youthful students is a wonderful and alluring future. They possess youth, intelligence, vision and hope and to these they may add faith, love and achievement — which is the full realization of life.

All these and more will be theirs if they follow the teachings of the Scriptures in building their careers.

The churches of this community seek to direct the footsteps of our youth into paths of usefulness and happy living.

**Be a Better Citizen!  
Go to Some Church  
Next Sunday**

**BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Rev. Preston Cayton, Pastor  
Bible School 10:30 A. M., except fourth Sunday, at 10 A. M.  
Morning worship on fourth Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship fourth Sunday at 8 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.

## Perquimans Church Services

**HERTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
C. W. Duling, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday at 8 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**  
Rev. J. R. Byerly, Pastor  
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, 10 A. 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.

**WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
W. J. Berryman, Pastor  
Sunday School, 11 A. M. every Sunday except third Sunday.  
Church services every third 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.

**BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. E. G. Willis, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10 A. M.  
Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M.

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

**CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. H. Outlaw, Pastor  
Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Church Service 3 P. M. every first Sunday.  
Sunday School at 11 A. M. every second, third and fourth Sunday.

**HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
D. L. Fouts, Pastor  
Church School, 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Youth Fellowship, 7:15 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 8 P. M.  
Mid-week Fellowship, Wednesday at 8 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, 6:30 P. M.  
Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M.

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