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They must not be left to DRIFT!

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International Sunday School Lesson for August 6th, 1950

Memory Selection: "How long go ye limping between the two sides? If the Lord be God, follow him."--I Kings 18: 21.

Lesson Text: I Kings 18: 30-39.

Highly dramatic is the lesson for this week. Spectacular are the scenes in the drams enacted from life as they are retold in living words.

Approximately seventy-five years had elapsed since the division of the Kingdom of Israel. Judah had been ruled by several kings and, at this time, by Jehosaphat. Israel had seen several dynasties and seven kings until Ahab's day and all of her leaders had been false to Jehovah. The start toward national heresay began with Jeroboam, the first king of Israel, who set up golden calves for political rea-sons and these had led to idolatry and the abandonment of the worship of Jehovah.

Ahab was even more wicked than his predecessors and had for his mate the Phoenician princess, Jezebel, whose name had become synonmous with wickedness. She, at least, was vigorous and arduous in the support of her pagan gods and goddesses. Her influence with the king was such that the priests of Baal were supreme and the priests of Jehovah had been killed, scattered, or were in hiding from the royal wrath.

Into the scene comes a strange, mystic figure—that of a rugged priest, emerging out of the wilds east of Jordan, dressed in skins and contrasting sharply with the luxury and vice of the capital. Before the amazed court of Ahab, Elijah stalks, representative of the ancient Israelitish Jesentative of the ancient Israelitish Je-hovah and, in words which were to be long remembered, forstells the drought of several years: "There shall not be due nor rain these years but accord-ing to my word." From then on, the land thirsted for water. During this great suffering, Elijah remained in soclusion. At length the time came for the final set and Elijah

time came for the final act and Elijah went back into Israel. Encountering Obadiah, a member of the court circle and a faithful, though timid, believer in Jehovah, Elijah sent word to Ahab to meet him.

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The king came, greeting the pro-phet with the query: "Art thou he that troubleth Israel?" How often do human beings attribute their sufferings to unreal causes! How human it is to relieve ourselves from responsibility for disaster! But Elijah points out the real trouble: "I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the Lord." Then Elijah proposed a contest with the forces of evil. He suggested that the king summon the priests of Baal to Mount Carmel where a contest could demonstrate which god was the greatest. The king agreed and, on the appointed day, there gathered 450 priests of Baal to oppose the lone prophet of Jehovah. What a climax this scene repre-What a climax this scene repre-sents? Evil enthroned and in power but about to be dethroned by one brave, faithful and daring spokesman for Jehovah. Elijah placed the issue squarely up to the people assembled: "How long halt ye between opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him," oth-erwise if Baal be god, follow him. The contest was carried out. Every student of the Bible knows the de-The contest was carried out. Every student of the Bible knows the de-tails. The pricets of Baal were given every opportunity to demonstrate the power of their god. They prayed but their prayers were unanswered. Then Elijah took over and after preparing his altar and having the wood thereon thoroughly wet he prayed to God and God answered his prayer by sending lightning from the size to consume lightning from the sky to consu Elijah was full of faith. He k Ellijah was full of faith. He know the rightcourses of his cause and did not hesitate to challenge into battle the hosts of ignorance, superstition and idolatry. The world needs more of this great faith and courage today. Too often the forces of evil go unre-buked because the representatives of God lack sufficient faith to stage the contact

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You would not think of putting children like these in an open boat, without rudder or oars, and letting them drift wherever wind and wave chose to carry them, · Contra

No, you're not that kind of a parent!

But let's look at life as your children will face it. Life is an open see upon which today's young people must embark. The winds often will be strong and the waves will be high. Their voyage will be far and one of proper epiritual training have been given them.

Fifteen million boys and girls are growing up in homes that pay no attention to and have no part is the Church or in religious education. These children are drifting!

The Church makes life safer for young and old alike. It provides a program designed to serve humanity in countless ways. The truths it teaches are basic and everlasting. Can you afford not to be a part of it?

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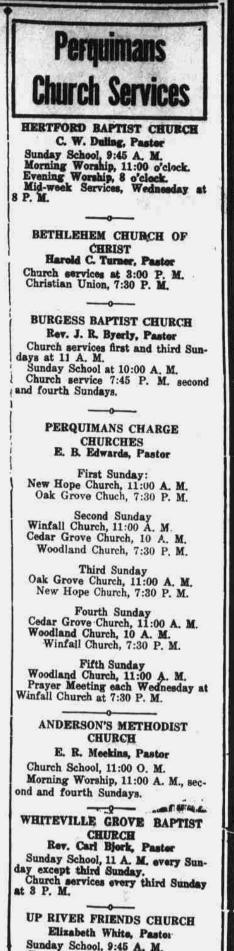
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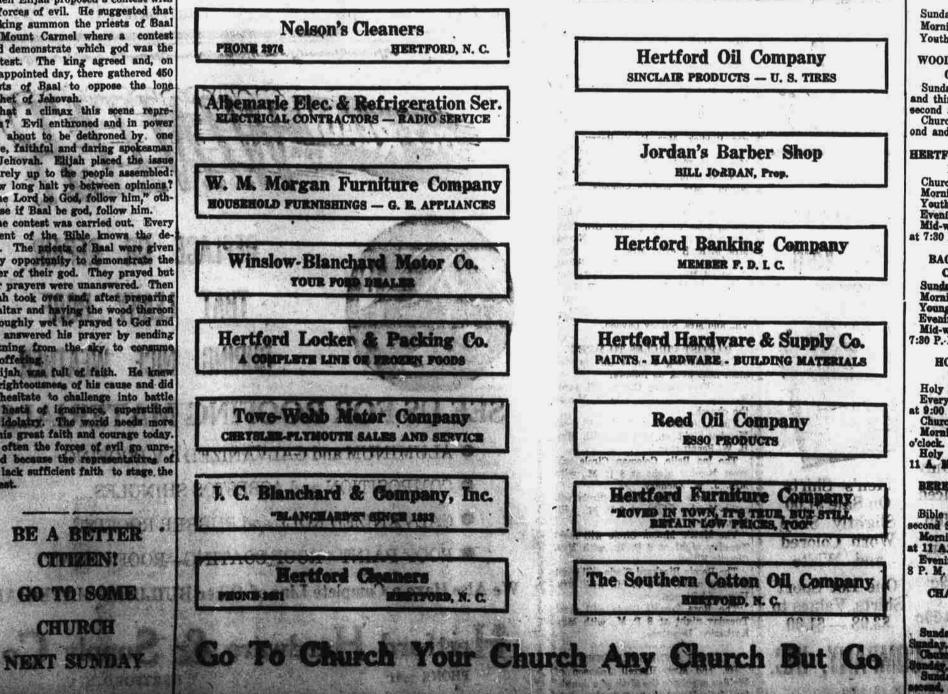
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Sunday School, 9:45 A. M. Church Services, 11 A. M. Christian Endeavor, 6:30 P. M. BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. E. G. Willis, Paster Sunday School, 10 A. M. Preaching first and third Sundays at 11 A. M. Preaching second and fourth Sunday evening at 7:30.

PINEY WOODS FRIENDS



Carl J. Yow, Pastor Sunday School, 10 A. M. Morning worship-11.00 A. M. Youth Fellowship, 6:30 P. M. WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH G. M. Singletary, Pastor Sunday School, 10:30 A. M. on first and third Sundays and 2:00 P. M. on second and fourth Sundays. Church services, 3:00 P. M. on sec-ond and fourth Sundays. HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH Ben O. Merritt, Pastor. Church School, 9:45 A. M. Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock. Youth Fellowship, 6:45 P. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M. Mid-week Fellowship, 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, 6:30 P. M. Evening Worship, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week Services, Thursday at 7:30 P. M. HOLY TRINITY CHURCH E. T. Jilson, Berter Holy Communion, 9:00 Å. M. Every Sunday except first Sunday at 9:00 A. M. Church School, 10:00 A. M. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11:00 Holy Communion first Sunday at BEREA CHURCH OF CHRIST Walker Perry, Faster Bible School 10:00 A. M., except econd Sunday, at 10:30 A. H. Morning worship, on first Sunday, at 11 A. H. Evening worship first Sunday at P. M. Lidiante ha Cart CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST A. H. Outlaw, Paster 3957 Sunday School, 2 P. M. every first Chattern Service 3 P. M. orvers first Sunday. Sunday School et 11 A. M. every second, third and Source Sunday.