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**Courtesy Can Save Lives**

Some of the accidents that occur on Perquimans County highways could be avoided by the exercise of good manners on the part of the drivers involved.

The rush to beat other vehicles to the start and to get ahead in a traffic jam often leads cultured people to take advantage of other drivers in a manner that does not reflect proper consideration for others, even in modern traffic snarls.

We think drivers should always bear in mind the possibility that others, like themselves, miscalculate speed and other factors, and sometimes get in a jam through mental error. If we would make an allowance for this possibility, we could definitely add to the safety of the highways.

Too often, in driving along the open road, one meets an approaching vehicle which, in passing another proceeding in the same direction, comes dangerously close to causing a collision. It is probably natural to "say something" about such driving without remembering similar occasions when, through an error in judgment, we have done the same thing.

Common everyday courtesy is a good thing for everyday living, and it produces the same desirable results when put into practice while behind the wheel.

**The Best Years**

Which are your best years? That is a question which is the subject of many stories, plays, and movies, and which we eventually all ask ourselves.

There are those who always claim that the "old days" were the best days. But we suspect that even the old-timers who remember the old days as the "good old days" would not like to go back to the discomfort and lack of conveniences they experienced in the old days.

For millions of us, some years seem to have been great years. The march of history and the tide of human events causes some year or years to stand out in our mind as history-making or pivotal years in the trend of civilization on this earth.

There was that era after the Franco-Prussian war and up to World War I, when industrial expansion and peace prevailed. That is, there was no World War for some forty-four years, and there were those who thought another World War would not erupt on the face of this earth. Then there was that period of the twenties, remembered by so many, as nostalgically, and there was the electric drama of the thirties — as the world drifted into another World War.

But the answer to the question is that these years are the best years. The present years are the best. Our advice to every reader is to make the most of them, for the best year of all, so far, is 1958, and the best years of your life are now, and in the future—if you make them that.

**Sunday School Lesson**

**THE CHURCH OBSERVES THE SACRAMENTS**

International Sunday School Lesson for March 30, 1958.

Memory-Selection: "As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." —I Corinthians 11:26.

Lesson Text: Matthew 26:26-29; John 6:35-59; Acts 2:42-43; Romans 6:3-11; I Corinthians 10:14-22; 11:23-29.

Our lesson for today attempts to give Christians a better understanding of baptism and the Lord's Supper.

From the earliest times of Christianity Christians have felt their life to be strengthened by outward and visible signs of inward and unseen realities. Early Christians were baptized as our Lord was baptized. They also broke bread and drank of the cup in memory of the death of Christ. Studying the two passages listed from Paul's Letters, we study the implications of the sacraments of baptism and of the Lord's Supper.

In Romans 6:3-4 Paul stresses the intimate relationship between the believer and his Redeemer. When a person accepts Christ and is baptized, he is really identifying himself with Christ in the Lord's experience of the Crucifixion (suffering, his death, (burial), and his Resurrection (new birth)). In a sense the Christian dies to his old way of evil and dedicates himself to a new life.

There are several forms of baptism. These forms vary within the branches of Christendom—sprinkling, pouring, single immersion, triple immersion—but whatever form of baptism is preferred by the individual members or branches of the churches, the basic principle remains the same.

Baptism is a rite of a community of believers. The vows are made by the candidate, but he is initiated into a fellowship of faith. It is important that the practice of private baptisms not be favored. The entire congregation needs to participate in this for the full meaning of the symbols to become apparent. Through collective participation in each and every baptism within the church, the members who have been baptized previously can find a renewal of faith on which to feed their spirits over and over again. Again, this promotes the feeling of "oneness" within the church that Christ felt was so important to Christianity.

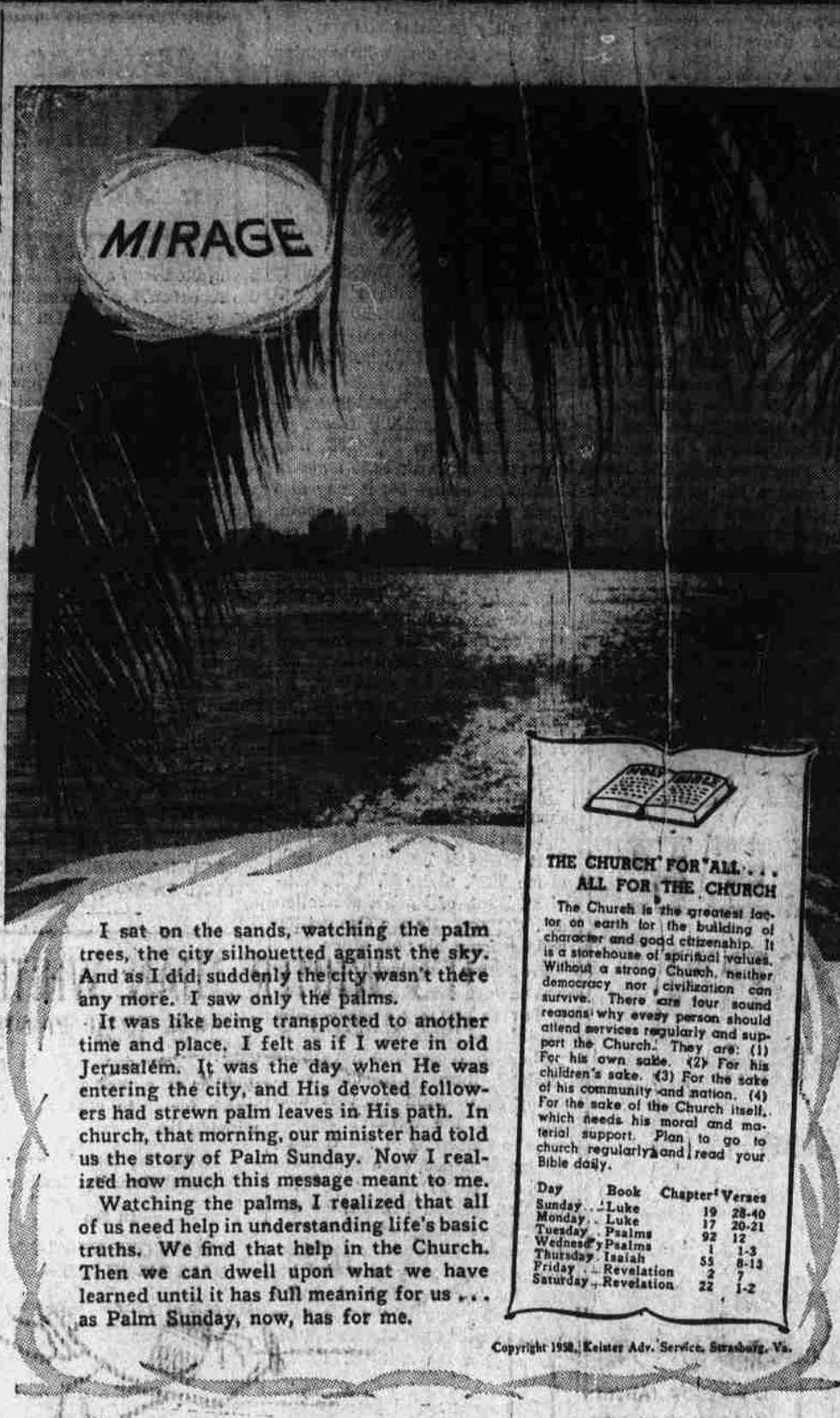
To many peoples throughout the centuries water has been the symbol of cleansing. In baptism we are cleansed, and our lives are committed to Christ for nurture, blessing, and consecration. When an adult is baptized he enters into a conscious, saving relationship with Christ. At the same time he becomes one with those who make up the fellowship of the Church, which is His body.

Infant baptism means that the parents are dedicating the life of their child to God. Later, when the child joins the Church, he himself accepts as his own expression of faith the vow taken for him at his baptism. Baptism, therefore, is one of our most sacred symbols. It represents for us God's forgiving grace.

The Holy Communion as a Christian sacrament is also a rite of corporate significance. It is within the fellowship of faith, also, that this rite attains its greatest symbolic meaning. The communion meal of the early church was a memorial of the Incarnation that ended with Christ's Crucifixion. In the memorial feast, the Church found God present again. As the bread and wine were consumed, Jesus seemed again to be with his followers. Assurance of forgiveness became complete again as the saving presence of the Christ was recognized. "... and when He had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. . . . He took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come." (I Corinthians 11:24-26)

As the observance of the Holy Communion quickens our faith, we repent of our sins, both of the body and of the spirit. In partaking of the holy elements we sense the continuous forgiveness granted by God to us, his children.

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I sat on the sands, watching the palm trees, the city silhouetted against the sky. And as I did, suddenly the city wasn't there any more. I saw only the palms.

It was like being transported to another time and place. I felt as if I were in old Jerusalem. It was the day when He was entering the city, and His devoted followers had strewn palm leaves in His path. In church, that morning, our minister had told us the story of Palm Sunday. Now I realized how much this message meant to me.

Watching the palms, I realized that all of us need help in understanding life's basic truths. We find that help in the Church. Then we can dwell upon what we have learned until it has full meaning for us . . . as Palm Sunday, now, has for me.

**THE CHURCH FOR ALL . . . ALL FOR THE CHURCH**

The Church is the greatest factor on earth for the building of character and good citizenship. It is a storehouse of spiritual values. Without a strong Church, neither democracy nor civilization can survive. There are four sound reasons why every person should attend services regularly and support the Church. They are: (1) For his own sake. (2) For his children's sake. (3) For the sake of his community and nation. (4) For the sake of the Church itself, which feeds his moral and material support. Plan to go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Day	Book	Chapter	Verses
Sunday	Luke	19	28-40
Monday	Luke	17	20-21
Tuesday	Psalms	92	12
Wednesday	Psalms	1	1-3
Thursday	Isaiah	55	8-13
Friday	Revelation	2	1-2
Saturday	Revelation	22	1-2

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James O. Maffeo, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship, 11:00 o'clock.  
Evening Worship, 8 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.
- BETHLEHEM CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Joe Brickhouse, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.  
First Sunday 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.
- BURGESS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A. J. McClellan, Pastor  
Sunday School each Sunday at 10:00 A. M.  
Morning worship at 11 o'clock.  
2nd and 4th Sunday mornings.
- PERQUIMANS CHARGE CHURCHES**  
M. W. Dulio, Pastor  
Cedar Grove Church: 1st Sunday 10 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 3rd Sunday 7:30 P. M.  
Epworth Church: 1st Sunday, 11 A. M.; 2nd Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 10 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 P. M.  
Oak Grove Church: 1st Sunday, 7:30 P. M.; 3rd Sunday, 11 A. M.; 4th Sunday, 11 A. M.
- NEW HOPE-WOODLAND**  
W. E. Pickett, Pastor  
Worship services 1st and 3rd Sundays 11 A. M., at New Hope, 7:30 P. M., at Woodland.  
2nd and 4th Sundays 11 A. M., Woodland, 7:30 P. M., New Hope. Sunday School each Sunday at 10 A. M.
- ANDERSON'S METHODIST CHURCH**  
Church School, 10:00 a. m.  
Morning Worship—11:00 A. M., second and fourth Sundays.
- WOODVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Lowe A. Norman, Pastor  
Church Services on second and fourth Sundays at 11 A. M.  
First and Third Sundays at 7:45 P. M.  
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.
- UP RIVER FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Orval Dillon, Pastor  
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.  
Church services, 11 A. M., and 8 P. M.  
Youth Fellowship, 7 P. M.  
Prayer service, Wednesday, 8 P. M.
- BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Philip Gantley, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 A. M.  
Morning worship 11 A. M.  
Evening service 8 P. M.
- PINEY WOODS FRIENDS CHURCH**  
Earl Redding, Pastor  
Church School 10 A. M.  
Morning worship 11 A. M.  
Young People's meeting 7 P. M.
- WHITEVILLE GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Paul Holoman, Pastor  
Sunday School 10:00 A. M., every Sunday.  
Church services first and third Sundays at 11:00 A. M.
- HERTFORD METHODIST CHURCH**  
J. A. Auman, 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 PITGRIM**  
M. M. Holmes, Pastor  
Sunday School, 10:00 A. M.  
Morning Worship 11 o'clock.  
Young People's meeting at 8:30 P. M.  
Evening worship, 7:30 o'clock.  
Mid-week Services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.
- HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Paul E. Shultz, Pastor  
Church School weekly at 9:45 A. M.  
Morning Worship weekly at 11:00 A. M.  
Holy Communion first Sunday at 11 A. M.  
Fifth Sunday Services and Holy Days as announced.
- BEEBAE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Neal Pickett, Minister  
Bible School Sunday 10 o'clock.  
Church Services First and Third Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.  
Evening services, first and third Sundays at 7 o'clock.  
Communion is served each Lord's Day morning.
- CHAPPELL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Paul Holoman, Pastor  
Sunday School every first and third Sunday at 11:00 A. M.  
Sunday School every second and fourth Sunday at 9:00 P. M.  
Worship service every second and fourth Sunday at 8:00 P. M.
- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
G. B. Lawrence, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.; Worship at 11 A. M.; CA, 7:30 P. M.  
Evangelistic Service 8 P. M.
- MT. DUNN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. H. Edgar Harden, Pastor  
Church School weekly 10 A. M.  
Church services first and third Sunday mornings at 11 A. M.  
Evening worship service at 8:00 P. M.  
Mid-week services Wednesday at 7:30 P. M.