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Simple Values
 We now live in a fast-moving world. Few among us are able to retain the simple, fundamental values in all our dealings with our fellow men. The urge to earn the dollar is tremendously important. The urge to follow the crowd is sometimes almost irresistible. The urge to deviate from the truth is often powerful. Yet the greatest men and women of our era are those who retain the simple and basic personality virtues. They may not always agree with the crowd. They may speak the truth when it is unpopular. But in the end, they wind up with the respect of their fellow men. Simple, straight forward integrity and honesty will nevertheless bring permanent satisfaction and happiness when the short cuts will not. Therefore, reinforce your faith in the traditional Christian values of life and living. Our lives are short. We can never come back over one day again. Opportunities to

do a good turn may never re-occur. Sooner or later we must look back over a life completed—and look at ourselves in the mirror. What will be our verdict when that day finally comes?
 Will you be able to say—"I've done my best?" Then the money will be unimportant. The so-called prestige will not matter, the sunshine friends will not be worthwhile. It will be your conscience and your life—in sum total. If we live every day with these values in mind, it will help all of us—and our community, our country and all the world.

BIRTHDAY PARTY
 Little Misses Cynthia and Denise and Patricia Lynn Norman



Who put the shopping center in Mrs. Murphy's living room?
THE YELLOW PAGES... THAT'S WHO!
 We included everything but the traffic jams and tired feet. But shopping centers do have advantages, and they're all in your Yellow Pages. Use them often.
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were the birthday girls that entertained at a joint party given in their honor at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norman at their home in Winfall, last Sunday.

Those attending were Little Misses Cleopatra and Valerie Perry, Anna, Idonia, and Sharon Washington, Faye Perry, Lucy and Elnora Frierson, Evelyn-Ann Modlin, Katie Johnson, Masters Larry Daughtry, James Modlin, Allen Perry and Gwayland McClenney.
 Adult guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Daughtry, Mr. and Mrs. James Modlin, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Perry and Mrs. Elnora Billups.
 Mrs. Daughtry assisted Mrs.

Chapin News
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brewer and family of Tallahassee, Fla., will arrive this week to spend a few weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Quiney.
 Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stallings are visiting relatives in Milton, Conn., this week.
 Mr. and Mrs. James Sloop and family of Morrisville spent the weekend with Mrs. Alice Combs.
 Miss Linda Lou Elliott has returned home from Chapel Hill after finishing a summer course pertaining to her studies.
 Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Stallings of Elizabeth City spent the week-end with Mrs. Bill Pierce.

Sunday School Lesson

THE VENTURE OF FAITH
 International Sunday School Lesson for August 4

Memory Selection: "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place which he was to receive as an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was to go."—Hebrews 11:8.

Lesson Text: Genesis 12 through 14.
 The purpose of our study today is to help adults better understand the nature of Abraham's faith and consider what faith means to a Christian.
 The Scripture for this lesson begins in Chapter 11. There Abraham's ancestors are identified and his father Terah introduced. Terah is credited with starting the journey from Ur to Canaan, but he stopped and settled permanently at Haran in Mesopotamia.
 Genesis 12:1-7 describes Abraham's "call" to leave family (except those nearest to him) and complete the journey to Canaan, the Promised Land.
 Note that Abraham's faith was not initiated by himself. God called him: "Go . . . to the land that I will show you" (12:1). God was calling Abraham to become a pioneer, to dare to travel in uncharted lands. But the daring was not merely human. It came from a power greater than Abraham. It was God's purpose that captured him and sent him forth to this unusual task. And Abraham accepted the call, even though it was largely uncertain. It was a call to "the land that I will show you," an undesignated destination. The only promise that he had was the greatness of the mission, one in which he would be a blessing to others. "Not knowing where he was to go," he still answered the call, accepting the dangers of the uncertain journey rather than the safety and comfort of Ur.
 Doubtless an element of uncertainty marks our replies to God's calls to us. We can't be sure of the pathway. Yet one way is always open to us—the pathway of action. Abraham resolutely set forth, and he found that his mission was real, not fanciful. By acting on his intuition he was able to test it.
 Pioneers such as Abraham have always been the dramatic persons of history. Going forth, blazing a trail for others, they set the stage for the new and as yet undiscovered. In a foreign land, living under makeshift conditions—perhaps this is the chief characteristic of the pioneer spirit—action of faith. But despite uncomfortable circumstances and primitive conditions, the pioneer plunges ahead. He doubtless has his wistful moments filled with doubts about values that have been sacrificed for a greater cause. But the man of faith does not yield to such questions. His vision is greater than the problems that confront him, and he responds accordingly.
 The venturesome spirit may result in a lonely life. "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house" (12:1) is a difficult call. God calls us to follow paths that may lead away from friends and family into paths of service. And we must act upon this call, as Abraham did. Indeed, perhaps our greatest temptation in the Christian here. We are willing to be something, to give assent to great beliefs, but we prefer to stay where we are to avoid doing anything. We do not fail because we have evil motives, but rather because we do not have any strong motivation other than to be left alone.
 Men of faith are willing to venture. They expect to heed God's call through action. It is an easy thing to have a religious emotion in the midst of the church's life. It is quite another to act on that emotion and to set our whole lives moving forward to heed the divine summons to a new kind of life. Some respond with only shallow commitment. They start out expecting to do God's will, but when the road proves to be long, they waver. Terah stopped in Haran. Abraham doubtless looked back as he traveled the long miles into Canaan. We must arm ourselves against similar discouragements. To live and simply all about is easy. But the man of faith moves forward, daring to venture. In the name of God to attempt to do

THE VOICE OF GOD

Do you ever pause to listen to the voice of God? We hear it every day, wherever we may be.

In the whispering of tall trees . . . the music of rushing brooks . . . the songs of the birds . . . the gay laughter of happy children . . . we hear the voice of the Great Creator. Through his infinite grace a bird is enabled to serenade his mate, a tiny cricket chirps its faint refrain. God is the Bringer of all blessings to man and beast alike.

Let us give thanks to Him who has so enriched our lives. Open church doors beckon all over our land. Let us seek the House of the Lord, and enter in to pay Him homage. Here through prayer and humility, let us re-dedicate ourselves to His service and glorification.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Psalm: 100:1-5	John 16:25-33	Proverbs 17:1-9	Romans 5:1-8	Isaiah 12:1-6	I Corinthians 12:4-11	Isaiah 35:3-10

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