

## Methodist Church Scene Of White-Chesson Wedding Vows

A ceremony characterized by dignity and charm united Miss Claudia Harriett Chesson and George Arthur White, Jr. in marriage Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the First Methodist Church in Elizabeth City.

The bride is the daughter of Richard Harold Chesson of Elizabeth City and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. White, Sr. of Hertford.

The Rev. Robert L. Jerome heard the wedding vows exchanged. Mrs. Louis Bell sang "Love Thee" and as a benediction "The Lord's Prayer." Rodney Trueblood was organist.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an informal gown of pure silk organza. The dome skirt was bordered in a wide band of Peau d'Ange lace, scalloped at the hemline and the slender bodice was topped with a bolero of the same lace. Her circular veil of English illusion was arranged from an organza rose touched with tiny pearls and she carried a prayerbook topped with an orchid.

Miss Harriett Chesson was maid of honor for her sister. She wore a gown of aqua satin fashioned with fitted bodice, scoop neckline and pleats and gathers in the bell shaped skirt. Her headdress was of matching satin rose petals with brief veil and she carried a nosegay of pink carnations.

Mrs. Larry Hopkins, cousin of the bride, and Miss Ann White, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids. They wore gowns identical to that of the honor attendant and carried similar bouquets.

The bridegroom's father was best man. Ushers were James Batts of Cary, Skip Matthews of Raleigh, Lt. (jg) Claughton Miller of Quonset Point, R. I., cousin of the bride, and Larry Hopkins of Elizabeth City.

Mistresses of the ceremony were Mrs. William Chesson, aunt of the bride and Mrs. Wade Jordan, aunt of the bridegroom. Mrs. White wore a pink linen dress with lace inserts, harmonizing accessories and a corsage of orchid carnations.

For their wedding trip to an unknown destination the bride wore a navy lined dress, white accessories and the orchid from her prayerbook.

The bridegroom is a graduate of the College of the Albemarle and will attend East Carolina College. Mr. and Mrs. White will make their home at Point Terminal Road, Greenville.

On Friday night the young couple was honored at a rehearsal party at the Woman's Club in Elizabeth City. Hostesses for the party were Mrs. Lloyd Halstead, Mrs. Carol V. Miller, Mrs. Wade Jordan and Mrs. William Chesson.

Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Chesson welcomed the guests and presented them to the receiving line comprised of the honorees and their parents.

Guests were directed to the refreshment room, where the traditional green and white bridal motif was used in the floral appointments. An arrangement of white snapdragons and carnations highlighted the food table while a similar arrangement was used on the punch table.

The four tiered wedding cake, topped with bells, was served by Mrs. Halstead and Miss White served the punch. Mrs. Peggy Arnelle and Miss Chesson also assisted in serving.

Goodbyes were said to Mrs. William Chesson by the approximately 75 attending.

### This Is The Life



By DONALD R. THOMAS

We know that God's Name is Jehovah. We know Jesus was with God in the beginning. That God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under

the law, to redeem them that were under the law that they received the adoption of sons. He died for all of us or the sin of the world. These three are one. I don't understand you when you say, "My wife, daughter and I are one family" or "when a man and a woman get married, they become one flesh, but don't mean were all one person." I wish they would listen instead of saying your preacher said they all are one. God is God of all, Jesus is the Son of God and saviour of the world, Holy Ghost, dwell within you. Accept Christ today, tomorrow may be too late. If you aren't saved, you will burn in hell.

I John says "For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these are One." — I John 5:7.

Men are often capable of greater things than they perform. — Horace Walpole.

Life is half spent before we know what it is. — George Herbert.

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## Sunday School Lesson

A DREAM AND A DISCOVERY

International Sunday School Lesson for August 23

Memory Selection: "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go." — Genesis 28:15.

Lesson Text: Genesis 28 through 28.

The purpose behind our lesson for today is to encourage adults to examine the story of Jacob's dream at Bethel and to learn how God may speak to us.

The verses we are studying today are the climax to a story recorded in the preceding chapters. They tell how Jacob had accomplished the supplanting of his brother Esau in acquiring both a birthright and a parental blessing. These events had aroused Esau's anger and Jacob was in danger. Hence, Jacob's mother urged him to flee from the land of Palestine.

This he did, and stopping overnight on his journey, he dreamed of a celestial ladder, with angels ascending and descending, and of God speaking to him, assuring him that the covenant made between God and Abraham would be continued with and through him. When he awoke, Jacob climaxed this experience with a vow of faithfulness to God.

Herein, the writers of Genesis tell us much about their ideas of God's nature. Jacob was fleeing from the results of his own heartless cunning, in a very real sense of running for his life. Any careful reading of the account denies him any sympathy. Yet God did not desert him or abandon the covenant promised earlier. Despite all that Jacob had done, God did not break communication.

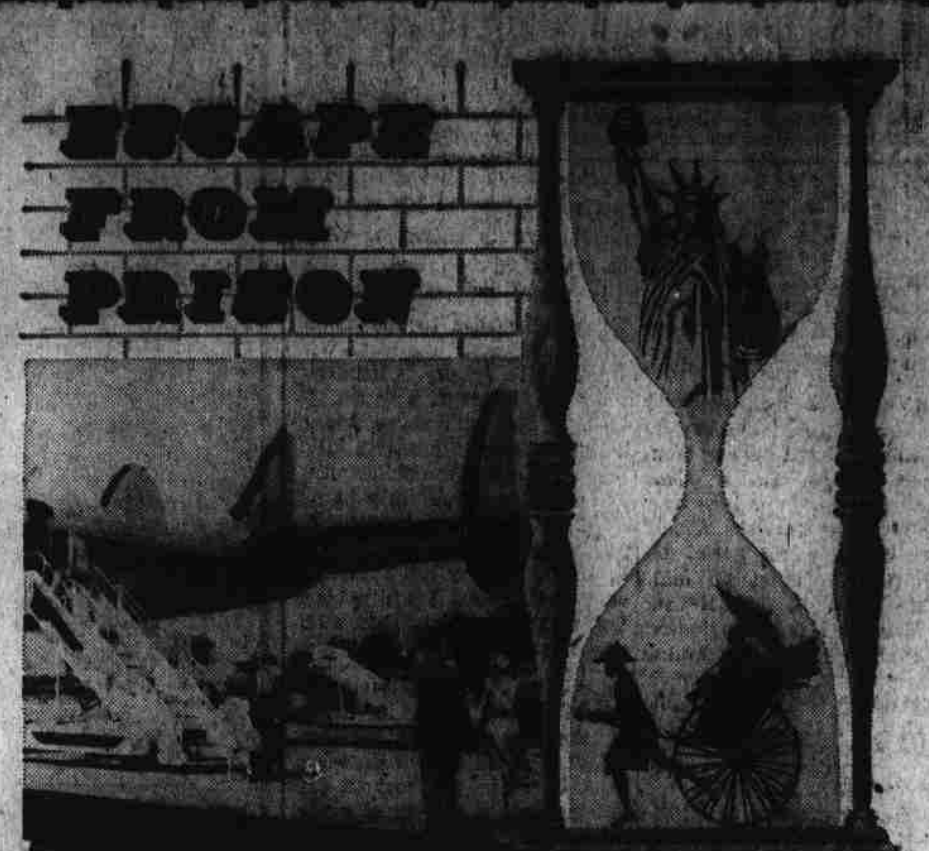
In this simple story we can see the gospel of God's grace. His salvation is steadfast and sure; he remains faithful. This is the miracle of the Bible. Throughout Hebrew history the people were constantly straying away from their obligations under the covenant, but God's nearness was not withdrawn. They were never rejected as hopeless. Rather, God, through many varying means, sought patiently to bring them back. He deals as freely with us today. Even when we walk Jacob's path of guilt, his forgiveness is not withdrawn. This is the nature of the God of Bethel.

And unworthy as he was, Jacob could still recognize the voice of God and respond. He knew that God had given vitality to the lives of his father and grandfather. In his dream he felt the presence of this God and knew of the continued covenantal promises. His response was one of reverence before the Holy One. He was exalted to find God in the midst of his lonely journey northward, but his own morality could not stand the searchlight of God's holy nature. Jacob responded by declaring the place to be holy; he made a shrine, but even here his impurities shone through clearly, and he offered a bargain to God. Jacob was willing to follow God's direction and to give a tenth of his substance, but only on condition. If God would go with him on the long journey, provide food and shelter, and bring him home again safely—then he would serve him.

This was hardly a worthy response. God asks more than conditional loyalty based upon our possession of material comforts of life. He asks total devotion, complete commitment, a response Jacob was as yet unready or unable to give. But, yet, we do find a beginning here—and where there is even the slightest opening, God will patiently work with it.

The Bible speaks often of God's appearance in the ordinary circumstances. Amos was tending flocks, as was Moses. Jesus' disciples were mindful of their fishing. None of these was at prayer in a sanctuary. God met them where they were and called them to his service. But this is not to deny that he does speak to us in church; rather, it is to insist that God is not limited to our churches. He can and does bring new insights to us as we pursue our work, whatever it may be. Kitchen and laundry, factory and farm, office and open air—these are his places of revelation as surely as are houses of public worship.

God does call us to public witness and testimony to our faith and to faithful participation in the community of believers. (Continued on Page Five)



### 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 crucible 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 the sake of his community and nation. (3) For the sake of the Church itself, which needs his moral and material support. (4) To go to church regularly and read your Bible daily.

Never has there lived a man who accomplished all he wanted to do... or went everywhere he meant to go.

Time and Distance like prison walls surround every life, ultimately frustrating man's hopes and dreams.

We are told that science is finding ways to multiply time, to divide distance. A gadget can save you an hour. A jet will cut your journey in half.

But should the day come when man can live to 150, and a round-trip to the moon will be called "commuting" — we'll still be living within the same walls... time... distance...

In fact, the only hopes of mankind which ever reach beyond these walls are our religious beliefs. In our churches we come to know the Eternal, the Everywhere. Faith dissolves frustration.

Life is more than a quest for speed... a conquest of space. Come to Church... and see!

Sunday II Samuel 7:1-7	Monday II Samuel 7:18-17	Tuesday Psalms 119:165-176	Wednesday Romans 8:9-16	Thursday Romans 8:18-25	Friday Galatians 2:23-29	Saturday Colossians 1:11-30
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