

## People In The News

**VA. GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carey Quincey of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mrs. T.W. Nixon on Sunday.

**WEEKEND GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gery Ross of Chapel Hill were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Divers.

**WILMINGTON GUEST**  
Miss Susan Ainsley of Wilmington is a guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Ainsley.

**WEEKEND IN RALEIGH**  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodard spent the weekend in Raleigh.

**OHIO GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Don Holman and sons of Canton, Ohio were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Hoffer for several days last week.

**ROANOKE GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Proctor, Jr. and family of Roanoke, Va. will spend the Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Hurdle and Mr. and Mrs. Proctor, Sr.

**WEEKEND IN WILLIAMSTON**  
Mrs. Dick Brewer spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Annie Corey, in Williamston.

**N.J. GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Karl Weidemann and family of Cherry Hill, N.J. will spend the Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Stokes.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**  
Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Tucker and family of Henderson will be Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Tucker.

**VA. BEACH GUESTS**  
Mrs. Don Roberts and

daughter, Jenny, of Virginia Beach, Va. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Chappell at Belvidere on Saturday.

**FROM CHARLOTTE**  
Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Christensen of Charlotte spent last week in Hertford.

**RETURNS FROM VISIT**  
Miss Thelma Elliott has returned home after a visit with friends in Halifax County last week.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**  
The Rev. and Mrs. O.L. Hathaway of Garner will spend the Holidays with Miss Gladys Felton.

**VA. GUESTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Overton and daughter of Newport News, Va. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Overton and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bass this week.

**HOLIDAY GUESTS**  
Mrs. Anna Parker and Miss Mary Outland of Woodland will be Holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Ward.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Mrs. Martin Towe is a patient in Norfolk General Hospital.

**VISIT IN RICHMOND**  
Mr. and Mrs. N.W. Chappell of Belvidere will spend Thanksgiving in Richmond, Va. with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chappell.

**VISIT IN TEXAS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Stallings are visiting relatives in Texas.

# Sunday School Lesson

**ANTICIPATING A NEW BEGINNING**  
(Isaiah 40:1-2, 27-31; Galatians 4:1-6)

Clovis G. Chappell has said that "many of us never think seriously of Christ or of his salvation until we get into some kind of trouble. Our little baby is near death and we want help. We ourselves are nearing the crossing and we are afraid. A cyclone is on hand and we feel the need of a refuge. But the same winds that carry the clouds away carry away our penitence and our prayers. There are few folks so hopeless as those who never want Christ except when they are threatened by some kind of disaster."

Israel had become so corrupt in her idolatries and rebellions that God had to use drastic measures to get her to look up. God's people had been in captivity in Babylon for decades. These years of captivity had succeeded in turning them away from idolatry. God is now ready to bring them back home. God's word comes to his prophet. His message is to be call to comfort.

Call to Comfort,  
Isaiah 40:1-2

Many of the Israelites had given up all hope of deliverance. They needed the message of hope, comfort, and en-

couragement. Pastors and teachers should be aware of the need for such a message in this day. Many people have lost hope. They do not believe life can be any better for them. God's word is to "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem..." Jerusalem here represents His people who are in Babylon.

The prophet was to publicly proclaim God's message of encouragement to His people. Their hardships were coming to an end. Their sins of idolatry, corruption, and rebellion were pardoned. They had suffered for their sins long enough.

The call to comfort is a theme running through Isaiah chapters 40-66. In verses 27-31 of chapter 40, the people are reminded of God's care.

Care of Creator,  
Isaiah 40: 27-31

God's people had not kept their faith in Him. They thought surely God had forgotten them. After all, years and years had gone by and God had not intervened. They are rebuked by the prophet. Can it be that they really do not know that God is an everlasting God? Does God change everytime man changes? Is not God the same God who had divided the sea and had delivered His people out of Egyptian bondage? Is not God the Lord? Is He not the Creator of the universe? Does this God get tired, exhausted, and faint? Is this Creator limited in his knowledge and understanding?

Verses 29-31 answer these questions. God not only creates but he gives strength to the weak. Many fail to ask God to save them because they are afraid they could not continue in the Christian life. Please remember, God not only creates and redeems, but He

also sustains the believer. In this life of difficulties and hardships, even "the youth shall faint and be weary, Young men shall utterly fall." Both young and old find life too much for them at times. But there is a solution. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

"Waiting" means confidence in the ability and goodness of God. It is to trust God and lean on Him. It does not mean to sit passively while God does every detail. It means that man fits into God's plan for him in all things. The man who "waits" upon the Lord is the man who is going to be busy doing God's will.

These verses from Isaiah have look forward to a new beginning. The New Testament counter-part to this is related in the next passage from Galatians.

Coming of Christ,  
Galatians 4:1-6

Each one of us has experienced a bondage to sin. We were under the law and unable to experience genuine freedom until something was done to set us free. The law had its purpose. The law served its purpose. It was our in-

structor concerning sin. The law was given to make us aware of sin, Galatians 2:16 says, "Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ." This means that a man does not come into right standing with God by doing the things which the law demands. Galatians 3:13 tells us that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us."

So "when the fullness of time was come," God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law." Now we are free in Christ. We have received an adoption of sons. This is not merely a legal status, but God has sent the Spirit of His Son to indwell our hearts. This Spirit of sonship causes us to cry out Abba, Father!

**BIBLE QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

"Is it possible to explain the experience of Saul of Tarsus' vision of Christ on the Damascus Road as an illusion?"

**ANSWER:**

My answer would be a very definite "no." We have the witness of two senses - sight and hearing. Add to this the dramatic change in Saul's life.

**WEDDING PLANS** — Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Rouse of Hertford announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Anita Lorraine, to Finnard Darius Tillett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darius Tillett, also of Hertford. Miss Rouse is a 1974 graduate of Perquimans County High School and is currently employed with the Civil Service in Washington, D.C. Mr. Tillett is also a Perquimans High graduate and is in the Air Force, currently stationed in Michigan. The wedding will be held at 2 p.m. on December 28 at St. Paul A.M.E. Zion Church. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Womanless Wedding Scheduled Dec. 6

Sunbury Elementary School in Sunbury will be the scene of a Womanless Wedding to be held December 6th at 7:30 p.m. A similar event was held in the community in Sept. for the Senior Citizens and was so successful that a second one has been planned.

The wedding will be the highlight of the evening, but several other events are planned. A special guest will be Perquimans County's favorite son, Jim "Catfish" Hunter who will be present for picture taking and autograph signing. Other events will include a gospel sing and a bake sale.

The Womanless Wedding is being sponsored by Sandy Cross Baptist Church and Hobbsville Baptist Church. Participating in the unusual service will be men from the

congregations of both churches. Proceeds from the evening's several events will be donated to the Gates County Rescue Squad.

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There is an old proverb that has been in existence for centuries. It goes this way—"For a swift arrow pull hard on the string." Actually there is no other way to shoot a swift arrow.

There are few things of real importance in life that are not accomplished without the "hard pull."

The geologist will tell you that it takes a million years to make a ruby. Imagine—a million years this beautiful gem is in the formative stage.

If a ruby could be made overnight it would have little value. So it is true with most everything we do. The real and sincere efforts of people are most always recognized. The "hard pull" of accomplishments is what makes them important!

**OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER:** Our greatest rewards come from the difficult tasks we accomplish.

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## Worth Repeating

We think the following has merit and is worth repeating:

"How to Raise a Juvenile Delinquent In Your Own Family"

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. This will insure his believing that the world owes him a living;
2. Pick up everything he leaves lying around. This will teach him he can always throw off responsibility on others.
3. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. He is a "free spirit" and never wrong.
4. Finally, prepare yourself for a life of grief... You're going to have it!

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## "Card of Thanks"

The Family of Annie M. Stanton wishes to express their sincere thanks to their many friends, relatives, and neighbors for every deed of kindness, every expression of sympathy shown during the illness and death of our love one. For all the flowers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and your prayers we are most grateful. Friends like you have made our heartaches easier to bear. May God bless each of you.  
The Family

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