

# Sunday School Lesson

## STRUGGLE AND GROWTH

Can a person be saved by grace through faith in Christ, or must he also perform some ritual and do some works? The Bible teaches that Christ alone can save.

Acts 11:11-18

Upon hearing that the Gentiles had received the Word of God through the instrumentality of Peter in the house of Cornelius, the prejudices of the leaders of the church and the Jewish Christians in Jerusalem were stirred greatly. It is hardly conceivable that such glorious tidings should have given rise to dissatisfaction, but they did. When Peter returned to Jerusalem to explain what had taken place, there was a complaint that he visited the uncircumcised and ate with them.

Appreciating the perplexity of the leaders in the church at Jerusalem, Peter recited the events which had brought them so much disquietude. He did not conceal from them the fact that when he went into the house of Cornelius, the Gentile, he found himself in a very delicate situation. Had he consulted his personal inclinations and prejudices, he certainly would not have gone there, but he had no choice in the matter inasmuch as he was controlled by the inescapable will of God. As Peter was speaking to those who were assembled in the house of Cornelius, God vindicated the proclamation of his message by sending the Holy Spirit to convict his listeners and to open their hearts for the reception of the Gospel of Christ. Believing the message of the Lord delivered by Peter, and accepting Christ as their personal Saviour, they were happily saved.

When the Jewish leaders in the church at Jerusalem heard Peter's explanation, they did not have any further complaint. He made it clear to them that the vision and the command which he had received from God had convinced him that all restrictions differentiating Jews and Gentiles regarding the way of salvation were abolished and that the gospel of Christ is to be preached to all men.

These Jewish Christians glorified God when they came to see and understand that the gospel of Christ was meant to be taken to all. It was not easy for Peter and the other Jews to overcome their race prejudice and be willing for Gentiles to share in all the riches of Christ's wonderful salvation, but they did so through God's enabling grace. We should remember always that when the Holy Spirit directs us to do something that God's grace is sufficient to enable us to do it.

Galatians 2:11-16

When Peter arrived in Antioch Jews and Gentiles were eating together without any discrimination. Ere long a deputation of Jewish Christians arrived from Jerusalem, perhaps on a mission of investigation, and they were shocked when they discovered that Jewish Christians were eating with Gentile Christians. Immediately Peter ceased eating with the Gentile Christians because of his fear of what others might think, say, or do. Others, including Barnabas, followed the example of Peter. Without hesitation Paul publicly, kindly, lovingly, and firmly rebuked Peter for his inconsistency in a sacrificing principle for expediency. And Paul was justified in doing so.

### CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our appreciation for the lovely cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, food and every act of kindness shown us at the death of our sister, Sylvia Winslow.

I (Edwin) want to express my gratitude for your continued remembrance of me during my five years of illness. We will remain forever grateful.

Edwin & Mary White

### For Your Information

Dear friends,  
During an active lifetime the accumulation of funds for later years and for one's descendants can be an interesting pursuit. A time comes, however, when attention should be focused on a plan to wisely distribute one's assets prior to and at time of death. Professional assistance should be sought for such financial planning. Respectfully,

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# Newsman Fred Haney Dies

FRED LINDLEY HANEY

Fred Lindley Haney, age 70, of 912 N. Road Street, Elizabeth City, died at 5:45 a.m. on Monday. He had worked in both newspaper and radio for fifty years. Haney's contribution to the sports section as it is now known has been recorded in The Tar Heel Press, a book describing the development of news-gathering in North Carolina. That book reports Haney as developing the make-up and content of the sports section.

He joined The Daily Advance in 1947 as news director and worked up until his retirement in 1973. After retiring, he continued as an editorial writer, columnist and filed in as sports editor for that newspaper. He had also in the past worked for Elizabeth City radio stations WGAI and WCNC. Haney was recipient of many awards by the North Carolina Press Association during his career.

He was a native of Powder Springs, Ga. and a former resident of Durham, Raleigh, and Charlotte. He was the son of the late Oscar and Mrs. Ida Lindley Haney and husband of Mrs. Juanita Overacre Haney of the home. Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. John (Helen) Sloan of Creston, Iowa; two sons, Fred Haney of Delano, Calif. and Kent Haney of Greenville, S.C.; one brother, Roy Haney of Atlanta, Ga. and eight grandchildren.

Besides his milestone work in the news field, he was active in many community activities. He was former president of the Elizabeth City Parent-Teacher Association; former president of the Elizabeth City High School Band Club, former president of the Elizabeth City Lions Club, was active in the Boys' Club, and was co-organizer and secretary of the Northeastern North Carolina Ostomy Club.

He was a member of the City Road United Methodist Church and president and teacher of the George F. Seiffert Bible Class for many years. In the church, he also served as a lay leader.

The family suggests flowers be omitted and donations be made to the City Road United Methodist Church or the Albemarle Hospital Auxiliary.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Twiford's Memorial Chapel. The Rev. Francis Bradshaw, pastor of City Road United Methodist Church officiated with assistance from Rev. Graham Nickens, pastor of the Newland United Methodist Church and former pastor of the City Road United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Hollywood Cemetery.

# Witnesses To Attend Convention

EDENTON — The governing body of Jehovah's Witnesses has revealed in New York completion of plans for 94 district conventions of the religious group in the United States during the summer of 1976.

Kelly Bond, spokesman for the Edenton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, said two conventions are scheduled for eastern Virginia and North Carolina at Hampton Coliseum. He said each convention is expected to attract approximately 8,000 delegates.

Bond said a sizeable delegation would represent Edenton at the first of the two meetings, July 15-18.

The theme of the meetings is "Sacred Service" and Bond said the program, comprised of Bible lectures, symposiums, discussion periods and full costume dramas, will focus on the problems facing society today and suggest positive solutions to these problems. "There will be specific information for all family members," Bond said, "including husbands, wives, and young people. The content of the convention program is centered on spirituality and how it can be achieved in these difficult times."

Bond said a baptismal service will highlight the program on Friday, July 16.

The principal speaker at the convention will be M.V. Campbell of N.Y., who will discuss the question, "Will Serving God Solve Your Problems?" It is set for Sunday, July 18, at 2 p.m.

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# Reid To Serve As Guest Speaker

George N. Reid will serve as the Men's Day speaker at Saunders Grove Baptist Church on June 20 beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Reid is a native of Perquimans County and received his B.S. degree from Elizabeth City State College and a Master's in Education from Pennsylvania State University.

He also did further study at that university, Temple University, Hampton Institute, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Western Carolina University, Pine Manor College and Bishop College.

He served as an assistant professor of history and social sciences at Elizabeth City State University from 1968 until 1975. In 1973, he was named an Outstanding Educator of America.

Reid is a member of the trustee board of the First Baptist Church in Hertford and a member of the E.C. Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity. He is married to Hester Reid and they have three children.



Mrs. Jarvis L. Howell, Jr.

# Harrell-Howell Exchange Vows

Miss Linda Gail Harrell and Jarvis L. Howell Jr. were united in marriage on June 12 in Hertford Baptist Church. Rev. Dudley Neal performed the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Harrell of Rt. 2, Hertford. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis L. Howell Sr. of Suffolk, Va. Wedding music was provided by Rev. Norman Harris and Mrs. Peggy Winslow.

The bride wore a floor length ivory gown with a chapel train of tulle featuring seed pearls. The fitted bodice featured a V-neck, full length bishop sleeves and set-in waist. Clusters of seed pearls trimmed the neckline, cuffs of the sleeves, and the waistline. The ivory cap of Venise lace had a tiered veil of illusion attached. The bride carried a nosegay of white pompons, baby's breath, and a detachable corsage of red roses was centered.

Charlene Horton was maid of honor and she wore a dress identical to those of the bridesmaids but maize in color.

Bridesmaids were Brenda Harrison and Judy Winslow, sisters of the bride. They wore full length aqua polyester gowns with diamond shaped designs and empire waistline. The sleeveless gowns were accented by matching capes. Each attendant carried a long stemmed yellow rose.

Jarvis L. Howell Sr., father of the groom, served as best man.

Jack S. Harrell, brother of the bride, was usher.

The bride's mother wore a beige street length dress with matching jacket and white accessories.

Mother of the groom wore a powder blue knit street length dress.

Following the ceremony, a wedding dinner was held at the Holiday Inn in Elizabeth City, N.C.

The couple planned a wedding trip to Richmond and the mountains of Virginia. They will reside in Richmond, Va.

The bride graduated from Perquimans County High School and received a B.S. degree in Early Childhood Education from Campbell College in Buies Creek, N.C. She was recently employed as a L.D. teacher at St. Pauls Elementary School in St. Pauls, N.C.

The groom graduated from Forest Glen High School in Suffolk, Va. He received a B.S. degree in psychology from Campbell College. He is serving as Extension Agent through VPI and SU in Richmond, Va.

Pre-Nuptial Parties  
A tea honoring the bride was given at the home of Mrs. Emmitt Rawls by relatives of the groom on June 9 in Holland, Va.

The bride was also entertained at a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Jamie Thach of Hertford given by relatives of the bride on June 10.

# First Baptist News

First Baptist Church Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. with Mrs. R.B. Gibbs in charge. Following will be the 11 a.m. Morning Worship. Rev. J. H. London has selected as his subject "A Father's Biggest Test" (Genesis 22:1-2). The Senior Choir will be singing under the direction of Mrs. Verlon Jones, organist.

Rev. John H. London will preach the St. John's Day

Sermon for Meridian Lodge 18 at Blanchard Grove Baptist Church in Gates County on June 20 at 2 p.m. The Ada Chapter 35 will sing.

The Fellowship Hour will convene with the Pool's Grove Baptist Church, Sunday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. Leigh's Temple A.M.E. Zion Church and Pastor Rev. Walker will be in charge. Rev. J. H. London is President.

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