

Good News Week

Whereby the word of God known to us as the Holy Bible was and continues to be the foundation of this great nation and

Whereby the great majority of the people of these United States continue to uphold the great tradition of religious freedom.

It is my honor to uplift the Good News Bible to carry on that tradition.

I, Bill Cox, Mayor of the Town of Hertford, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of Nov. 14-20 as "Good News Week" and call upon all of our people to

celebrate this week with special emphasis on National Bible Sunday, Nov. 20.

Mrs. Shelton White of Raleigh was an overnight guest of Mrs. Edgar White on Sunday.

Miss Martha McNeill, student at UNC-Chapel Hill, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Thach.

Carroll Berry, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga. spent a few days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Sr.



GOOD NEWS — Shown above Mrs. Moogan of the Hertford United Methodist Church presents Mayor Bill Cox with a copy of the Good News Bible. It's the latest English translation of the Bible, translated in contemporary speech. The Bible is presented in observance of Good News North Carolina and it is hoped that all the people of Hertford will join with Christians across the Nation in celebrating National Bible Sunday on Nov. 20. Rev. Stone, pastor of the Hertford Methodist Church looks on.

Bible Presented

GOOD NEWS NORTH CAROLINA is a statewide ecumenical movement which will culminate in Good News Bible Sunday on Nov. 20. The purpose of Good News North Carolina is to promote appreciation of God's Word throughout North Carolina and to involve the people of the state in a celebration of the Bible. Thirteen denominations are taking part, with Governor James B. Hunt Jr. acting as Honorary Chairman.

THE GOOD NEWS BIBLE (Today's English version) is the latest English

translation of the Bible, published in Dec. 1976. A record number one million copies were sold in the first month of sale. The Good News Bible is produced by the American Bible Society, a nonprofit, nondenominational religious organization whose sole purpose is the translation, publication, and distribution of the Holy Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment. The translations in contemporary speech are designed to bring the Good News in language that the average reader can readily understand.



Dr. Irvin Acree To Speak

Dr. Irvin H. Acree, Southern Baptist Missionary to Uruguay, will be the special guest for both the Morning (11:00 A.M.) and the Evening Worship (6:30 P.M.) Services at the Hertford Baptist Church this Sunday, November 20th.

Dr. and Mrs. Acree have lived in our area. Dr. Acree is a former pastor of the Coinjock and Sawyer's Creek Churches and Mrs. Acree was school librarian in Camden.

Dr. and Mrs. Acree began their work in Uruguay after a year of Spanish language study in San Jose, Costa Rica. They are now stationed in Montevideo. Dr. Acree teaches at the Uruguayan Baptist Theological Institute and is pastor of a local Baptist church. Mrs. Acree teaches a Beginners' Sunday School Class, serves as an officer of the Woman's Missionary Union and teaches a typing class at the Baptist Institute.

The public is invited to join with the Hertford Baptist Church in these special services.

In The News

Mrs. J.H. Futrell spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Martha Jane Pollard, in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cone of Alexandria, Va. were weekend guests of Mrs. Phillip Jackson.

Mrs. Katherine Ward spent the weekend in Raleigh with Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Sr. and Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. D.A. Carver of Chesapeake, Va. visited relatives in Hertford on Saturday.

Sunday School Lesson

CHRISTIANS AND THEIR GOVERNMENT

Luke 20:20-26

Christ's enemies were busy at the task of trying to entrap Him in His speech and arouse disfavor toward Him. The Pharisees and Herodians met, exchanged ideas, formed an alliance in opposition to Him and concocted a clever scheme to lure Him into self-incrimination.

These unscrupulous enemies were not interested in the truth, but were seeking an admission from Christ which they could twist into a charge against Him.

These critics asked Christ an exceedingly subtle question. They asked, "Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?" In other words, they asked: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Roman government?" If Christ has answered their questions in the affirmative, they would have reported Him as being disloyal to the Jewish nation. If Christ had answered in the negative, they would have branded Him as a secessionist.

Perceiving their craftiness, Christ commanded them to show Him a denarius, one of the coins they used in ordinary business transactions. When they had done so, He asked them to tell Him whose likeness and superscription appeared thereon. Of course, they had to reply, "Caesar's." Christ clearly and pointedly enunciated the principle of duty to government and duty to God.

A Christian's obligation to God must never be infringed upon by his obligation to his government. In the event there is any conflict between God and the government, the Christian's duty to God must take precedence over his duty to the government.

Romans 13:1-7

A Christian should abide by the laws of his city, county, state, and nation, and be submissive to the government

unless it should require him to disobey God. The limitation of the Christian's responsibility to be subject to the earthly powers begins only when such subjections contravenes the plain teachings of the word of God. Always a Christian must obey God in preference to obeying man.

One must obey the law not simply to escape the consequences of wrongdoing, but for the sake of his own conscience which tells him to do right. Moreover, he owes it to his fellowmen, over whom he has influence, to be a law-abiding citizen. It is impossible to disobey God without incurring His displeasure and receiving the due reward for doing so, just as certainly as rebellion against the government and violation of the law cannot go unpunished.

It is incumbent upon the Christian that he pay taxes. The payment of taxes is both an acknowledgment of subjection to the government and the discharge of an obligation to pay for numerous services rendered. We are not to evade our earthly responsibilities. Christians should be better citizens than those who do not claim to be followers of Christ.

New Arrival

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lane of Whiteston announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Caren Denise Lane, born on Nov. 6, at 3:05 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs., 14½ oz. and was born in Chowan Hospital.

Mrs. Lane is the former Donna Boyce. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lane of Winfall, and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floy Boyce of Hobbsville.

*Mr. & Mrs.
Benjamin H. Chambers Sr.
request the honor of
your presence at
the marriage of
their daughter,
Jennifer Anne, to
Melvin Russell Ewre Jr.
on Nov. 27 at 3:30 at
New Hope United
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Friends & relatives
are invited to attend.*

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