

# Sunday School Lesson

## GROWING UP IN CHRIST

The title of this lesson suggests one of the greatest needs of Christians today. As they pass from their spiritual immaturity to growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, their Lord is pleased and their lives are enriched.

Philippians 3:12-16

Here we are told the secret of the life of the greatest Christian who ever lived. He informs us that, while he was on a mission of persecution, Christ laid hold on him for a definite purpose, namely, to save his soul, to transform his life, to divert his great ability into right and constructive channels, and to make a great minister and mighty missionary out of him. He yielded to that loving grasp, gave himself wholeheartedly to Christian service, and wielded a tremendous influence for good.

As the end of his career was approaching, and he was thinking about his accomplishments, Paul indicated that he was not satisfied with what he had done for his Lord, who had done such for him, but wanted to do far more for Christ. His ruling passion was to get nearer to Christ, to grow in His grace and knowledge, to be more like Him, and to do more and better work for Him. Paul informed his readers that he was devoted to a single aim. He said, "This one thing I do." With words and by actions he urged all Christians to have a definite and high aim, and then to concentrate all of life's energies on reaching it. As he ran the race of life, he did not have the time or the inclination to look back or to one side, but he persisted with strenuous and unceasing activity in bearing down upon the goal and winning the prize. With him the most important thing was pleasing the Lord.

Paul exhorted the Christians in the church at Philippi to be united in their thinking as they aspired to become spiritually mature (verse 15), and to abide by the same rules as they advanced toward Christlikeness (verse 16). Perseverance toward the goal of Christlikeness is both challenging and rewarding.

I John 4:13-21

John wanted his readers to know that they were the objects of God's wonderful, yea, almost incredible love. God's marvelous love has been revealed many ways, but never so fully as when He sent Christ to be the propitiation for our sins. Christ expressed His love for us by dying in our stead, in order that we might have life through Him. Having become the recipients of His love, we should love Him supremely.

God's love is not passive, but active. To be born of God is to possess His nature. If one does not love, it is clear that he has never known God experimentally. It is very important that we prove our Christian sonship by our genuine love for others. Love enables the Christian to overcome fear.

God's love for us precedes and is the cause of our love for Him. Because of His love for us we should love God supremely and devotedly. We can reveal our love for Him by thinking about Him—His will, His Word, and His way for us. We express our love for Him through telling others about His Son and our Saviour—the beauty of His character, the sinlessness of His life, the wonder of His salvation, the joy of His fellowship, and the glorious hope of His return. Unquestioning and wholehearted obedience to God's commandments is the best evidence of our love for Him. If we love God, we will love our fellow-Christians. A Christ-centered and Spirit-filled life is the supreme expression of love for God. It is also the greatest contribution we can make to the progress of the kingdom of God.

## births

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Marshall Knight, Jr. wish to announce the birth of their second child, first daughter, Holly Elizabeth, born Dec. 29, Albemarle Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ivey, of Rt. 4, Hertford and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wally Knight, of Rt. 3, Hertford.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Saunders of Aydtlett, N.C. and Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tunnel of Hertford.

### CARD OF THANKS

The flowers, cards and every kindness shown to us during our recent bereavement is greatly appreciated.  
Brothers and sisters of Lillian Winslow Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathews announce the birth of their son, Thomas Chad, born Dec. 19 in the Albemarle Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnathan Johnson, of Rt. 2 Colerain. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charlie E. Mathews, of Rt. 1 Hertford. The child's great-grandparent is Norman F. Miller of Rt. 3 Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Tunnel of Swan Quarter, N.C. announce the birth of their first child, a son, Matthew Lee, born Dec. 29, 1978.

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Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pittman of Rt. 2, Hertford, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Steve Midgett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Midgett of Rt. 1, Hertford. The wedding is set for Jan. 21 at Bethel Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

## For Your Information

Dear friends,

When a bereaved family makes its first call at the funeral home for arrangements, usually they are grief stricken, physically exhausted, frightened, not knowing what to expect or what is expected of them. It is a difficult time for both the family and the funeral director. We wish we could make the experience less devastating — there are no easy answers.

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# Obituaries

Funeral services for William Walter Monds, 86, of Rt. 1, Belvidere, who died Monday, Jan. 1, in Chowan Hospital, were held Wednesday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Billy Old, pastor of the Chappell's Hill Baptist Church.

"Sweet By and By" was sung by the church choir and "Goodnight and Goodmorning" was sung by The Rev. and Mrs. Old. Organist was Mrs. Thomas Chappell.

The casket pall was made of yellow carnations and bronze pom poms.

Pallbearers were Fentress Lane, James Roy Ball, Charlie Winslow, Thomas Chappell, Lawrence Layden and Edgar Chappell.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park in Elizabeth City.

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — Mrs. Lena Barbee Pierce, a sister of George W. Barbee of Hertford, died Thursday.

She was formerly of Spring Hope, N.C.

Other survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Nancy Pierce Sheek of Moss Beach, California; one son, John B. Pierce of Toms River, N.J.; one sister, Mrs. N.H. Stallings of Spring Hope, N.C.; one other brother, Allen C. Barbee of Spring Hope; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday in the Addison-Campbell funeral home, Toms River.

Burial followed in the Oakwood Cemetery.

PINEHURST — Edgar Richard Cole, 53, brother of Mrs. John Biggers of Hertford died Monday, Jan. 1.

Funeral services were held Wednesday (Jan. 3) in the Pinehurst Community Church. Burial followed in the Doub's Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Other survivors include one other sister, Miss Helen R. Cole of Pinehurst and one brother, James H. Cole of Wayneville.

# Taking a look backward

By VIRGINIA WHITE TRANSEAU  
JC BLANCHARD GIVES BONUS TO EMPLOYEES: A Christmas bonus totaling nearly one thousand dollars was presented by J.C. Blanchard and Company, Inc. to its employees. The bonus paid to each employee was proportioned according to the length of time employed by the firm. The management said that it felt every member of the organization has done his or her utmost to build good will and make new customers. Declaring 1940 to be an outstanding year in volume of business, J.C. Blanchard and Company, Inc. expressed thanks for employee-cooperation "which makes such a successful year possible, and expressed thanks to the public for its patronage."

AVERAGE POPULATION OF PRIVATE FAMILIES LOWER THAT 1930:

According to preliminary figures released by the Department of Commerce, the Sixteenth Decennial Census indicates that the average numbers of persons

in the American family is continuing to become smaller. According to the figures released the North Carolina average has declined from 4.9 in 1930 to 4.5 in 1940.

LOCAL BOY GRADUATES FROM ARMY FLYING SCHOOL IN ALABAMA:

Flying Cadet Fenton H. Bulter, son of Mrs. G.W. Bulter, is to graduate from the Air Corps Advances Flying School, Maxwell Field, Alabama, on Jan. 31, it was announced this week.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Owens wish to announce the birth of a son, Marshall Richard Owens, Jr., born on Friday, Dec. 27, 1940, at the Albemarle Hospital, Elizabeth City.

COLSON-MORSE: Miss Ella Mae Morse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Morse, and Charlie Colson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Colson, were united in marriage on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 1940. The couple are making their home with Mr. Colson's parents.

## Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Abner Williams of Wilmington, N.C. announce the engagement of Mrs. Williams' daughter, Elizabeth Roberts Wilson, to Walter Stafford James of Charleston, S.C. also the daughter of the late

Thomas Calvin Wilson and granddaughter of Mrs. Joel Gullidge and the late Mr. Gullidge of Raeford, N.C.

A February 24 wedding is planned at the Pine Valley Methodist Church in Wilmington.

## Credit Union to Meet

The Annual Meeting of the Perquimans Credit Union will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1979 in the office building, 200 South Edenton Road, Hertford, N.C.

Members are urged to attend and exercise their rights to elect the officers for the ensuing year and to learn first hand of the progress being made.

## Services to be held

The First Baptist Church of Hertford will hold Sunday School this Sunday at 9:45 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. with the Rev. J. H. London delivering the message.

London has selected the verse, 1 Peter 2:9 as the sermon is entitled, "The Church: The People of God". Holy Communion will be served.

The evening worship service will include the installation of officers for

the church in the upcoming year. The Candlelight Ceremony will be delivered by Rev. P.C. Holland of St. Stephen Baptist Church in Elizabeth City.

The Riddick's Grove Church will hold a special musical program this Saturday at the church. There will be several groups, choirs, and solos. Guraling McKinley is heading this program. Come and enjoy the music.

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