



Anderson United Methodist Church

Sunday school lesson

An Excellent Fellowship Acts 1:4-14

"Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Acts 1:8. Thus Jesus spoke to His Apostles during the 40 day time frame between His death, burial and resurrection, and His ascension unto the Heavenly Father. These must have great days for His followers. They now knew for sure that He was the risen Christ and they understood His Kingdom would be Heavenly, and not earthly in nature. They now, also, began to understand their role in establishing Christ's earthly church. I can imagine that they were now becoming acutely aware of the fundamental demands upon their lives to follow the Lord's commandments. It would require their supreme allegiance to Him. It would require a self-denial, walking the "narrow way". It would require giving Him highest priority in their personal lives. It would be a life of faith and trust in the Master, but it would be a labor of love and peace knowing that whatsoever happened along the way God's grace would be an ever present sustainer.

Mr. John W. Wade, standard Publishing Co., has this to say about

those early Apostles as recorded in the book of Acts. "In 28 brief chapters is chronicled the incredible story of how 11 weak and unlettered men were transformed into a dynamic army for Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit. Without resorting to trumpet fanfares, or Hollywood hoopla, the writer gives us a few brief glimpses of the high adventures that were destined to change the whole course of human history."

The Ascension of Jesus Acts 1:4-11

In Acts 1:4, Jesus said to those with whom He was assembled, which included the Apostles, that they should not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father. In verse five, He continues, "For John baptised with water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Ghost (Spirit)." (Paraphrased).

Jesus reminded them of John's baptism, which some, if not all of them, had received. Perhaps they were, also, reminded of John's promise that the One coming after him would baptise with the "Holy Spirit" and "fire".

Great things were about to happen to them. They were soon to receive power. The Enabler. The Holy Spirit would give them the power to witness. They were to go unto all the world and witness to the people about

the Gospel of Christ.

They would tell of His teachings, His sermon on the Mount, his healing, His love for all mankind that brought him eventually to the cross and crucifixion, His burial, His resurrection and His ascension into Heaven to be with the Heavenly Father. And they would witness with zeal and enthusiasm, for they were on fire. One can't help but ask oneself if this reminds us very much of the modern church. All about us we see congregations that have the latest facilities and all the equipment needed for an effective job for the Lord, yet nothing very exciting ever happens there. Is it because we lack the spark it takes to ignite and drive us?

In verse 9 after Jesus had spoken these things, He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

The Apostles returned to Jerusalem, gathering in the upper room with others to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Their time was spent in prayer and supplication, according to verse 14, but we see another important ingredient. They were in "one accord", indicating the unity and harmony which characterized those early Christians.

Lesson based on International Sunday School Lessons by the Lesson Committee.

Hertford police offer drug education program

The Hertford Police Department has a drug and alcohol education program available to the general public.

This program funded by the Hertford ABC Board consists of slides, movies, visual aids and lectures.

The drug abuse series is centered around the most common drugs of abuse and how the abuse of these affects the abuser and the community as a whole. The alcohol abuse series is entitled, "The ABC's of Drinking and Driving" and explains why people drink and drive, why drinking and driving is a serious

problem and ways to prevent it from happening.

According to Police Chief Marshall Merritt the department is par-

ticularly interested in reaching young people and welcomes the opportunity to present the program to them.

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Church news

There will be a Gospel Concert Friday, March 4 at 7:30 P.M. at Hertford Pentecostal Church located at 715 W. Grubb St. Featured singers will be "The Apostles," "The Sunshine Ministries," "The Gospel Countrymen" and others. The public is invited to attend.

The Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church will conduct Revival Services Sunday, March 6.

The Rev. Aron P. Willis, pastor of the Faith Memorial Church of Christ in Christian Union in Lancaster, Ohio will be the evangelist. Pastor Willis is a native of southern Indiana. He is a graduate of Frankfort Pilgrim College and Asbury Theological Seminary. He has pastored churches in Washington, Indiana and Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Evangelistic Services will be held at 7:30 each evening with Sunday Services at 11 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. The Daily Bible Study will be at 2 P.M.

There will be a candle light serenade at the Ellis Temple Baptist Church in Winfall Sunday at 4 P.M. Music will be provided by the Gospel Missions and the White Oak Young Adult Choir. The speaker will be Jerry Zachary.

Welcome to the Perquimans United Methodist Charge. David J. Goehring will be preaching on "Thanks God. He is not finished with me yet!" taken from Luke 13:6-9.

The worship services are as follows: 9 A.M.-Oak Grove; 10 A.M.-Epworth and 11 A.M.-Cedar Grove.

World Day of Prayer is celebrated this year on March 4. Sponsored in the U.S. by Church Women United,

this annual observance united women of faith in 170 countries on six continents around the globe. 1983 marks the 96th consecutive year in which untold thousands of women will gather to be part of this worldwide prayer witness. World Day of Prayer, translated into many languages, may well be the most widely used Christian literature in the world apart from the Scriptures.

The service for 1983 was written by Christian women from the island countries of the Caribbean on the theme, "New Persons in Christ." Representing a rich mixture of races and cultures, they are seeking a new Caribbean identity. The service reflects joy in the new-found independence of their nations and the new opportunities opening up to women socially, politically and within their own churches.

Church Women United is the Christian movement that brings together more than half a million Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women into one Christian "community of caring." World Day of Prayer offerings make possible the mission of Church Women United, including the Intercontinental Grants for Mission program that funds national and international projects in support of the empowerment of women, human rights, justice and peace.

In Hertford, a World Day of Prayer Service will be held in the Hertford United Methodist Church at 4:30 P.M. on Friday, March 4. Members from most of the churches in Hert-

ford will be participating on the program. We extend a cordial invitation to everyone to come and worship with us at this service. A nursery will be provided for these services.

The First Baptist Church Youth Day will have its monthly worship Sunday morning. Sunday School will be at 9:45 A.M. with superintendent Eric Skinner in charge.

At the 11 A.M. morning worship, the Rev. J.H. London will be preaching from the subject "Going to Jerusalem." The Young Adult Choir will sing under the direction of Bro. Larry Felton, organist.

The Senior Ushers Board of First Baptist Church will sponsor a program Sunday evening at 7 P.M. One hundred men and women in dark clothing and many singing groups and soloists will be on the program. Mrs. Annie Mae Rodger invites the public to attend. The pastor is Rev. J.H. London.

The Galatia Male Chorus of the Galatia Baptist Church will be celebrating their seventh anniversary Sunday, March 6 at 2 P.M. Special guest will be the Rev. Joseph L. Willis, choir, ushers and congregation of the Poole's Grove Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend.

Bethany United Methodist Church of Belvidere are having Sunday services of worship each Sunday in Lent.

Mrs. Brenda Harbeson, a certified lay speaker, will preach at Bethany at 11 A.M., March 6.

For Your Information

Dear friends,

A death in the family may create problems for survivors which might be avoided by discussion and pre-planning. Funeral and burial arrangements deserve to be discussed openly and frankly. Pre-arranging and perhaps pre-financing a funeral may lift a burden from the survivors.

Respectfully,

Marian Suddell

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Cards of Thanks

I would like to thank each and everyone who remembered me with flowers, cards, visits and all other acts of kindness during my hospitalization and since my return home.

I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much.

Quinton Stallings

To each of our neighbors, friends, and relatives, we the family of the late Connie N. Burke wish to express our sincere appreciation for your many prayers, visits, cards, calls, flowers, food and all other acts of kindness shown us in our time of bereavement. It is indeed a blessing to know that those around us care.

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