

# Perquimans Religion

## Interdenominational Sunday School lesson

**Hannah: A Promise Kept.**  
1 Samuel 1: 9-11, 19-26, 24-28

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of Him: therefore, also, I have lent him unto the Lord." (1 Samuel 1: 27-28)

These words were spoken by Hannah to the Priest Eli after having been blessed with her son Samuel. Hannah had made a promise, or vowed a vow, unto God that if God would bless her and her husband, Elkanah, with a son that she would consecrate him to the Lord's service. It is good to make promises, for promises are commitments. We need to make promises to ourselves, if we are serious about it, and intend to keep the promises made.

We need to make promises to others, also, if we are sincere about it. Promises help us make a statement about the direction we want our lives to follow, and gives direction to our daily living. We must observe, however, that broken promises can be devastating. It is harmful to one's character to make a promise and then fail to make an effort to keep it. My mother would have said that such a person is without principle, and such a person's inner self must probably say to himself, "I cannot be trusted." People who consistently do not keep their promises will soon become known as people without integrity. Hannah, whom we will study today,

as you will see, was a person who kept promises.

**A Devout Woman.**  
1 Samuel 1: 9-11

Verse 9 of today's Scripture sets the scene for the event that we shall study. The place was Shiloh, the central place of worship for Israel at the time. Eli, the Priest, and, also, judge, was there in the tabernacle at the time. Hannah and her husband, Elkanah, with others, were attending a feast being held nearby. Hannah was troubled. After eating and drinking a bit, she arose, left the feast and went into the tabernacle to pray. The Scripture says that she was "in bitterness of soul, and wept." In her prayer Hannah asked that she might

bear a son. It was very embarrassing for wives not to bear a son in those days of Israel. Along with the petition to God that He give her a son, she made God a promise that if He granted her petition, she in return would "give him unto the Lord for all the days of his life." This was an honest prayer, an earnest prayer given by a devout lady. God honored it. Don't we see God's character shine through in this scene? A God of loving-kindness, who wants to answer the prayers of the righteous and faithful. A God concerned about our every day needs.

**A Promise Kept.**  
1 Samuel 1: 24-28

There is a time lapse of probably

some three years before Hannah returned to the temple in Shiloh. She did not return until the child was weaned. You see, contrary to present day custom, a child in ancient Israel was nursed for a period of two years, or even longer. This would have been the case with Samuel. However, verse 24 recounts the act: "When she had weaned him, she took him up with her unto the house of the Lord in Shiloh." What a beautiful picture we get here. Here was a Godly parent who found it only natural to share her devotion to God with her child.

That's what I call parenting. Setting the right example, and fulfilling her promise to God. Young Samuel would know of his mother's promise. He would hear and witness his mother's prayer of praise and thanksgiving as she worshiped the Lord on that day.

He would remember it for his lifetime. He would know how much he was loved and wanted. Hannah's shame was gone. She now could hold her head high.

Phil, their son, who sings and plays the drums and trumpet. Sunday Services include Sunday School at 10, the Morning Worship Service at 11, and the Evening Worship Service at 8. Services will also be held each evening at 8, Monday through Friday. The Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church is located five miles northeast of Hertford, between Winfall and Belvidere, one and one half miles east of Highway 37. For more information, contact the pastor, Daniel E. LeRoy, at 426-7476.

## Church news

You are invited to come and worship this Sunday at the **Perquimans United Methodist Church**. The worship schedule will be as follows: 9 a.m. Oak Grove, 10 a.m. Cedar Grove, 11 a.m. Epworth. Summer Revival Services will be held at the **Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church** beginning Sunday, July 17, through Friday, July 22. The Evangelistic Team will be the Surret Family from Asheboro. The Surretts, accomplished musicians, will be ministering through song and preaching. The family is comprised of David, who preaches, sings, plays the trumpet and bass guitar; Becky, who sings and plays the piano and organ; and

Phil, their son, who sings and plays the drums and trumpet. Sunday Services include Sunday School at 10, the Morning Worship Service at 11, and the Evening Worship Service at 8. Services will also be held each evening at 8, Monday through Friday. The Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church is located five miles northeast of Hertford, between Winfall and Belvidere, one and one half miles east of Highway 37. For more information, contact the pastor, Daniel E. LeRoy, at 426-7476.

## Festival of Skills set October 15 in Perquimans

It's once again time to begin talking about The 1983 Festival of Skills sponsored by The Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Service and Extension Homemakers.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15, to attend the one day event from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Perquimans High School gymnasium, Highway 17 Business in Hertford, N. C. You will enjoy creativity, true craftsmanship and new ideas by attending the Festival of Skills.

There will be so much talent to enjoy. Maybe you are looking for a specific item-like a quilt for your bed, a wreath for your door, a calico chicken for your kitchen, patch work or candlewick pillow or hand crocheted sweater. How delighted you'll be when you find just the right item. Or you may come upon an unexpected, but delightful item for a gift. That's what makes The Festival of Skills so much fun! Good food goes along with the day, so there'll be good food to make the festival even better.



If anyone is interested in participating in the Festival of skills, please contact the Perquimans County Extension Office. Call 426-7697. There should be adequate space for new comers as well as previous participants. There will also be adequate parking around the school and comfortable heating or cooling system for our visitors. Start thinking — "Festival of Skills" 1983! It should be a wonderful day!

## People briefs

A Fourth of July picnic was held recently at the home of Mrs. C. D. Rountree and Melvin Rountree. Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rountree and Theresa Blanchard of Windsor, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Stuteville and Gerry of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Mildred Rudger of Onancock, Va., and Mrs. Florence Riggs of Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. Annie White is spending some time in Winter Haven, Fla. with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene White.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Paul of Hertford and son Dwayne Paul, wife Roberta, and children Dwayne Jr., and Dallas visited their son and brother SP4 Kenneth Wayne Paul of Fort Campbell, Kentucky and girlfriend Kathy Hale of Clarksville, Tennessee. Specialist Paul was a patient in Cal. Blanchefield Hospital at Ft. Campbell following a recent auto accident. He was released from the hospital to attend the welcoming party at Sevier Hall at Austin Peay State

University where friends Lynn Griswold and SP4 John Griswold reside. The Paul family were guests of the Griswolds during their stay in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dillon have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dillon in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Other points of interest visited were Disney World and Epcot, Sanibel Island, Cape Canaveral and St. Augustine. They were accompanied by their daughter Jan of Durham.

On July 4, 36 members of the family of Donald and Nora Lane enjoyed a fish fry at their Snug Harbor home.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Ainsley, Jr. and family of Wilmington were

weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ainsley, Sr.

The Rev. and Mrs. Phillip Purser and family of Greenville, S. C. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heatherington.

Mrs. Fred Chalk of Wilson was a guest of Miss Louise Chalk and Miss Hulda Wood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn White and family of Fayetteville were weekend guests of Mrs. Edwin White at Belvidere.

Mrs. H. A. Whitley has returned home after spending some time at Nags Head with Dr. and Mrs. Leo Merrill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sal Iatesta of Chicago, Ill. are guests of Mrs. G. R. Tucker this week.

Mrs. Dot Brewer spent the

weekend in Hickory with Mrs. Ruth Stone.

Mrs. Randy Hedrick and sons of Raleigh are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland at Belvidere this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Symons of Raleigh spent last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Symons and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Evans.

Mrs. Joan Chalk White of Raleigh was an overnight guest of Miss Louise Chalk on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dubbs of Jim Thorpe, Pa. spent a few days this week with Mrs. Helen Woodard.

Guests of Miss Hulda Wood on Thursday were Mrs. Fred Chalk of Wilson, Miss Elizabeth Wood of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Junior Norfleet of Holland, Virginia.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Baker and family returned to their home in Stone Mountain, Ga. on Sunday after spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mac White and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker in Belvidere.

Miss Lisa Morgan and Mark

Symons were guests of Miss Barbara Symons in Greenville on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Reames of Virginia Beach, Va. were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layden Friday at Belvidere.

Mrs. Albert Fox of Candor is a guest of Mrs. Helen Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lewis of Orlando, Fla. are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown, Jr.

**Hospital Notes**

Mrs. Pearl Banks is a patient in Chowan Hospital.

Mr. J. W. Ward is a patient in Albemarle Hospital.

Mrs. Reba Owens has returned home from Albemarle Hospital.

Mr. Julian White has returned home from Norfolk General Hospital.

Mr. Linford Winslow has returned home from Albemarle Hospital.

Raeferd Copeland of Norfolk, Va. was a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estes Copeland, Sunday at Belvidere.

Mrs. Helen Woodard has returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fox at Candor.

For Your Information

Dear friends.

In time of bereavement relatives and friends truly want to help and it's a kindness to them and to the family to accept their help. Friends may say, "Let me do this" or "Don't worry about that, I'll take care of it". Such thoughtfulness tends to life some of the burden, which is oppressive enough at time of bereavement.

Respectfully,

Marian Swindell

**SWINDELL FUNERAL HOME**

HERTFORD, N.C. 426-7311

## Service news

**LIGHTFOOT**

**Evl. Terry A. Lightfoot**, son of Thomas P. Lightfoot of Route 2, Hertford, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1982 graduate of Perquimans County High School in Hertford.

**IRONS**

Dr. and Mrs. C. Fred Irons III and sons Charles and Costen of Chapel Hill, N. C. announce the birth of a new son and brother, Creighton Manning, On June 24 at Durham County General Hospital.

Mrs. Irons is the former Susan Harrell. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Charles M. Harrell, Jr. Paternal grandparents are Drs. Fred and Malene Irons of Greenville, N. C.

**DAY**

Mr. and Mrs. Al Day of Kernersville announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Lynn, born Sunday, July 10.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. O. J. Day of Fayetteville and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. Ray White of Hertford.

**BERRY**

Ben and Sylvia Berry announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, Britt Leann, born June 27, 1983 at Albemarle Hospital.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Nell Gregory of Woodville.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dan Berry of Hertford. Paternal great-grandmothers are Mrs. Mattie Berry and Mrs. Pauline Madre of Hertford.

## A word from . . . Mt. Sinai

Some visitors came to my house, two very polite, nicely dressed men. In the course of our conversation, I asked them if they knew they would go to Heaven when they died. The reply was, "No, Heaven is only for a very limited number."

"God has given me the assurance of a heavenly home. He has told me through His word that I would be present with the Lord after this life is finished. The reward for salvation is not on earth but eternity in Heaven. Jesus came to earth to die for my sins and prepare me for facing God as righteous and holy."

"The beginning of salvation is believing that Jesus and God are the same person. When we pray the Lord's prayer we say, "My Father, who art in Heaven, . . . (Luke 11:2) Jesus says, "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30)

"One fellow, after learning that I was new to this area, asked "What do you do?" I said, "I'm an assurance peddler." Insurance is for the dead, assurance is for the living.

"The Apostle Paul says, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil. 3:20)

If you have a chance come visit with us.

George Wilmore, Pastor  
Mt. Sinai  
So. Baptist Church

*Cards of Thanks*

I want to thank each of you for the pretty cards, flowers, phone calls, visits, food and especially for your prayers while I was in Norfolk General Hospital and since I have been home.

May God bless each of you.

Reby W. Stallings

We want you to know how much we appreciate all you have done for us in our recent bereavement. Our sorrow is easier to bear with the help of friends like you. The memory of your kindness will always remain with us. God bless you all.

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