



Flags are presented

David Bass Area Representative for Woodman of the World, a fraternal insurance society, is shown here presenting a set of flags to Rev. George Wilmore,

pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. The flags were presented on behalf of the Woodman Lodge in Hertford, NC.

Annual Festival of Skills slated

The third annual "Festival of Skills," sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers and Agricultural Extension Service, promises to be the biggest and best ever!

Fridgies, yarn dolls and animal will accompany Helen Strain of Edenton in her booth.

Penny and Leslie Williams of Elizabeth City will bring art to the festival with hand painted country items and wildlife on saw blades, old slate and light plates.

Ada Harlow, from Gates County, will have a variety of articles including candlewicked pillows, afghans and kitchen towels.

Barbar Johnston, also from Gates County, will be here with ceramics featuring Ginger jars, ash trays, pitchers and bowls.

A festival would not be complete without wood crafts. Dick Manns of Grandy and Joseph Sanders Jr. of Elizabeth City will have benches, mirrors, frames and toys, just to mention of a few.

Troy Elliott of Winfall will exhibit, demonstrate and sell his "ole timey" dough trays and other wooden items, including biscuit cutters too pretty to use.

Rena Copeland will travel from Windsor with quilted pillows and quilts.

Jean Leggett will be on hand with English Smocking.

Returning to the "Festival of Skills" will be a sister team, Thelma Rogerson and Ethel Winslow. They quilt, candlewick and make baskets along with potted plants and wreaths.



By Paige Underwood

38 booths of craftsmen and artists will fill the Perquimans High School Gymnasium on Highway 17 Business in Hertford on Saturday, October 15. Doors will open at 9 a.m. for 12 hours of sight seeing and shopping.

Come early and stay for a bowl of homemade vegetable beef soup and other goodies.

Plan to visit and welcome the many talented people from Perquimans, Currituck, Chowan, Bertie, Pasquotank, Gates County and Virginia who have prepared quality articles and large selections to please you.

We welcome seventeen additional craftspeople to the event.

One newcomer to the Festival will be Alvin Mizelle who will offer special paintings of landscapes and other pictures.

The list of first times also included the following: Tasy Penner of Virginia Beach with cross stitch, place mats, table runners and much more.

Leslie Benton of Belvidere will display her talent with fabric as she covers baskets, lampshades and wreaths with a country touch.

From Elizabeth City, Long Dunbar's ceramics will feature birds, ducks and deer; certain to please animal lovers who come to the

Sunday School lesson

The Motive
Hosea 11:1-4; 14:4-7
1 John 4:8,9

We began the autumn quarter of lessons with a series of four lessons on the theme "God Reveals Himself." We looked at four ways in which God has revealed Himself to mankind. We have now moved to a new unit theme for October, entitled "God Redeems His People."

In the first lesson, which we studied last week, we noted the problem: Sin. Sin caused it all. It began in the Garden of Eden when

Adam and Eve rebelled against God's command, and has continued through the centuries since, even till today.

But God is a loving and just God and He wants to unite mankind to Himself. Why would God want to do this? His motive is simple: God's love.

It is simple to know it and to state it, but it is not simple to understand it. The human mind has limits, it is finite, and while it may know it and believe it, it will never fully un-

derstand the greatness and the depth of the Love of God in this human life.

Our lesson today takes a look at how God deals with people and nations in His continuing effort to redeem them unto Himself through a love relationship.

God's Yearning Love
Hosea 11:1-4, 8

Mr. Orrin Root, Standard Publishing Co., writing an introduction to this lesson, had this to say, "Throw it away if it doesn't work. That seems to be the motto of this hasty age. Eggbeaters and automobiles, along with a thousand other items, are discarded when they could be repaired."

"But who wants to bother with a broken thing? All humanity is broken, worthy of being discarded. Then why does God bother with us? He is capable of discarding things which don't work. Once He threw away nearly all the human race and washed the earth clean with a flood."

Sometime in the future He will throw away those who are beyond repair, when He comes again and judges the people. Why doesn't He do it now? Simply because of His love. It follows His disobedient children through the years.

Persistently it calls them to repentance and life. It pleads, but it does not compel. It's a yearning love. The verses in Hosea 11:1-8,4 records it through His prophet.

It records how He loved His chosen people, Israel, and brought them out of Egyptian servitude and made a Holy Nation out of them. They were to be a Godly people among heathen nations.

Yet they turned from Him and worshipped gods of Baal, but still God loved them and continued to strive to get them to be what He wanted them to be.

He would take them by the hand and lead them in the paths of righteousness, if only they would walk along. But they would not. How foolish and ungrateful it is for people then, and now, to choose to ignore His wishes, instead of obeying and worshipping Him. (Read verse eight for the full picture)

God's Promising Love
Hosea 14:4-7

The first three verses in this

chapter record the prophet's call for Israel to return to the Lord, and to ask His forgiveness and to pledge to Him their praises.

Then the fourth through the seventh verses record God's promises to Israel, if they would but repent of their wickedness. One Bible scholar that I know says that the Bible contains 30,000 promises from God.

What a beautiful picture we get from these verses. A powerful and loving Father wanting to give His beloved children peace and contentment and loving care.

God's Giving Love
1 John 4:8-9

God is love. That is not all He is, of course. He is also wisdom, majesty and power. He is goodness and grace, patience and long suffering. He is also truth and justice.

God's wrath is plain in His revelation. When people become so evil and rebellious God will act with justice, as He did in the day of Noah and also with the city of Sodom.

Even as He gave Israel up for destruction, He promised restoration. God's love is both giving and forgiving. A divine love manifested in His supreme revelation, Jesus, His Son.

A word from . . . Mt. Sinai

Do you ever get irritated? One step ahead and two back? Just when you're about to "get it together" "Mr. Advice" comes along and says you're all wrong.

The Lord allows irritation in our lives. While Satan believes he is tearing down God's work. The Lord uses the irritation as tests building strong, mature Christians. What touches your life is not nearly as important as how you respond to it. The precious pearl is the response of the oyster to constant irritation. Jesus is called the Pearl of Great Price.

Read the Bible. How did Jesus react as a minority? How did Jesus react to disloyalty? How did Jesus react to false accusers?

As Christians our goal should be to let others see Jesus in us. Our reaction to irritation should build faith and trust in our Lord. By our faith and trust others see Jesus and are drawn into the Kingdom of God. That makes us precious pearls in God's sight.

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into various trials." (James 1:2)

What book in the Bible is God's name not mentioned? Answer for last week Acts 1:26.

Come by and see us anytime. Wednesday night prayer meeting, Bible study 7:30. Sunday School and worship service 10:00 and 11:00. We look forward to seeing you.

George Wilmore, Pastor
Mt. Sinai
So. Baptist Church

Church news

Bay Branch AME Zion Church Sunday School begins at 10:00. Worship service will begin at 11:30. Rev. J. A. Elliott, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City District, will bring the message. Holy Communion will be observed.

Dr. J. Dallas Jenkins, Pastor of St. Paul AME Zion Church, in Dayton, Ohio will hold revival at St. Paul AME Zion Church in Hertford. Different choirs, ushers and congregations will serve each night.

Monday Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church, Tuesday Saunders Grove Baptist Church, Wednesday Holy Trinity and the Williams ensemble, Thursday Bay Branch AME Zion Church and Friday Providence Baptist Church and the Edenton Community Male Chorus.

Come one, come all and enjoy a

great speaker and the fellowship. Rev. Walter J. Taylor, pastor.

Laity Sunday will be observed at Hertford United Methodist Church this Sunday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Lily Chou from Elizabeth City. She will also share in the music ministry.

The service will be led by Mrs. J. Pat Harrell, President of the United Methodist Women with others taking part in the service. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

First Baptist Church church school begins at 9:45 a.m. with Superintendent Mr. R. B. Gibbs. Morning worship at 11:00 a.m. The Rev. John H. London will be preaching on the subject: "Is There Balm in Gilead? Is There no Physician There?"

The senior choir will sing, under the direction of Sis. Mary L. James, organist and Holy Communion will be served.

Annual Homecoming worship will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Walter L. Davis and the Wynn's Grove Baptist Church of Colerain. This is the closing of our revival. Dinner will be served. The public is invited. Come help us celebrate.

Come and worship at the Perquimans United Methodist Charge. Every Sunday we take a special time in the service with the children. Our worship schedule Sunday is 9, Oak Grove Church; 10, Epworth Church; and 11, Cedar Grove Church.

Elvis Perry, our "broom man," will be back with hearth brooms and whisk brooms.

Groups of 4H'ers, Extension Homemakers and Senior Citizens will be on hand to offer baked foods, canned foods and needlework. Certainly, many skilled craftspeople under one roof make for a great day!

Our special guest speaker will be Helen North with her delightful postage stamp miniature art.

Mark you calendar for "The Festival of Skills" on Saturday, October 15.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for students. Doors open at 9 a.m.

98th Birthday celebrated

Mrs. Early McDonald of Hertford was honored with a birthday celebration by family and friends on September 28, in honor of her 98th birthday.

Mrs. McDonald received a birthday card from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan congratulating her and wishing her continued good health and happiness.

For Your Information

Dear friends,
Prearrangement of a funeral service may relieve the survivors of a difficult chore during their emotional turmoil — it can assure the type of funeral that you wish — it can provide peace of mind that the task is completed. To finance the funeral service, a trust fund, earning interest, can be established at a local financial institution. We invite you to inquire about prearrangement at Swindell Funeral Home.

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