

CHURCH

Sunday School lesson

UNITY IN THE NEW LIFE

(John 17:1-11; 20-21)

"Holy Father, keep through thine own name those thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." (John 17:11)

In this lesson we are going to take a look at a part of Jesus' prayer on the night of His betrayal and arrest. Every

Christian should read and study this whole prayer because there is so much in it for believers.

Not this prayer only, but all He said and did on that night. Our study for today is about Christian unity; unity between sisters and brothers in Christ's family, the church.

Mr. Knofel Staton, writing for

the Standard Publishing Co., and addressing this topic, asked some pertinent questions, and I quote, "The world is watching us, and the big question is this: 'What difference does the world see as it watches us?' Does the world see Christians fuss and fight as the ungodly do?"

"Does the world see us

separating from other Christians as people in the world separate from each other? Does the world see Christians refuse to support other Christians unless there is total conformity to all things? Does the world see as much 'politics' in the church as in the world?"

To Mr. Staton's statement I

would like to add a summary question, "Does the world see Christians practicing what they profess?" For Bible students, and others who seriously read the Scriptures, the effect is that it calls one into self-examination and it should.

It leads believers to question their daily acts, their

motivations, their priorities, etc., in light of the principal teaching of Christ's gospel.

In these passages of Scripture we get a picture of a solemn occasion. The Son of God lifting His eyes toward heaven in prayer to God the Father on behalf of Himself, His apostles and those who would become Christians in the future.

Church news

UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING

Up River Friends Meeting will be holding revival services beginning Sunday night, March 17 and continuing through Friday night, March 22.

The Sunday night service will be held at 7:00 p.m. and the week night services will be at 7:30 p.m. Barney Pierce will be the guest evangelist. Pierce, the pastor of Thomasville Friends Meeting in Thomasville, N. C., has an exciting and growing church-building ministry.

There will be special music, provided by local churches and individuals, at each service. Everyone is asked to be in prayer for these services and to plan to attend.

BAGLEY CHAPPELL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Morris Mitchell will preach at the Bagley Chappell Baptist Church Sunday at 2:00 p.m. He will be accompanied by the choir and congregation from the Apostolic Faith Holiness Church of Hertford.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Monday March 11 through Saturday March 16 is the Virtuous Woman Week. There will be christians from all walks of life to help us enhance, not only our physical life, but our spiritual life also.

It's all at the Lighthouse of 505 E. Church St. Elizabeth City, each morning from 10 a.m. until noon. Each evening (except Tuesday) from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

A nursery will be provided each morning at Noah's Ark 210 S. Hughes Blvd. Everyone is welcome!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Baptist Church School begins at 9:45 a.m. Superintendent Mrs. R. B. Gibbs in charge. Morning worship will be at 11:00 a.m., The Rev. J. H. London will be preaching on the subject, "When the Innocent Are Guilty." Matthew 27:22,23.

The Senior Choir will be singing.

ST. PAUL

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH

The First Baptist Church will worship with the St. Paul A. M. E. Zion Church on the corner of Dobb St. and Edenton Road Street. The Rev. J. H. London will preach on the subject "Paralyzed by Hopelessness." The Rev. Thomas McPherson is host pastor.

PERQUIMANS UNITED METHODIST CHARGE

Services at the Perquimans

A Word From Mt. Sinai

Remember when the little children would, or maybe still do, come home from kindergarten or first grade with those beautiful crayon landscapes, things made with popsicle sticks and styrofoam cups? The motivation was simply to please mom and dad. Some of them were hardly recognizable but we blessed them and loved them because of the desire of their heart to please.

As a child of God I look back on some of my work. It doesn't look like much, but at the time it was all I was called upon to do and hopefully I did my best. God loved me and blessed me.

"Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart." (Psalm 119:2)

George Wilmore, Pastor Mt. Sinai Baptist Church

United Methodist Charge will be held Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at Cedar Grove, 10:00 a.m. at Oak Grove and 11:00 a.m. at Epworth. The pastor invites all to attend.

HERTFORD JEHOVAH'S WITNESS

The Hertford congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has made plans to attend a circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses that will be held this Saturday and Sunday at the Martin County Auditorium in Williamston, N. C. More than 1200 Witnesses and interested persons from nine other congregations are expected to attend.

The theme of this assembly, according to Kelly Bond, local minister, is "Our Position In An Unstable World." Mr. Bond said:

"This assembly program is designed to help us appreciate that a Christian's first concern will be pleasing Jehovah God and Jesus Christ, thereby resisting the influences of this unstable world."

Principal speaker for this event will be Dennis Raftopoulos, district representative for more than 25,000 of Jehovah's Witnesses in North Carolina and Virginia. Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Raftopoulos will speak on the

subject "Basis For Faith In An Unbelieving World."

Mr. Bond said that during the two-day assembly such subjects as: "Are We Remembering and Applying What Jehovah Has Taught Us?"; "Why We Need a Stable Faith" and Fithful Acts That Bring Many Blessings" will be discussed.

A special highlight of the assembly will come Saturday morning when the talk on "Subjecting Ourselves Under

Jehovah's Mighty Hand" will be delivered by K. T. Miller from Tarboro followed by the baptism of new Witnesses.

All sessions of the assembly are free, and the public is invited to attend.

A PETITION ON BEHALF OF JESUS (John 17:1-5)

Someone has said that one of the unique characteristics of the relationship between Jesus and God, the Father, was the easy manner in which Jesus talked with Him.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Dear Friends,

TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND . . .

A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Complete Arrangements: Supervision and Direction of Funeral
 - a. Meeting with the family to:
 - Secure vital statistics information
 - Obtain obituary information
 - Complete itemized cost agreement
 - Select casket of their choice
 - Oversee all aspects of the funeral
 - b. Coordinate times of the following services needed:
 - Clergy
 - Necessary automotive equipment for convenience of family, including funeral hearse
 - Hairdresser
 - Civic Associations
 - Fraternal Organizations
 - Cemetery or Crematory
 - Vault Company
 - Lodges or other organizations
 - Veterans Associations
 - c. Complete death certificate with vital statistics information
 - d. Obtain the signature and medical information from the attending physician or medical examiner (coroner)
 - e. File completed and signed certificate with Registrar of Vital Statistics in municipality where the death occurred, and obtain a Burial Permit and as many certified copies as necessary for the family's needs.
 - f. Care for all flowers
 - g. Remove all flower cards and sympathy cards for family to acknowledge
 - h. Complete all necessary forms such as:
 - V.A. for flag
 - V.A. for allowance
 - V.A. for marker
 - State and Federal forms required by law
 - i. Answer all telephone calls - give out funeral information to family, lodge members, business associates, florists and friends with regard to funeral services to be held.

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With the help of many fine performers, too numerous to mention, the Belvidere 4-H Club was proud to sponsor a "Singspiration Benefit" on Sunday, March 10, and present all proceeds in the amount of \$663.56 to the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department.

The unity of Christian love as our area churches united in brotherhood added a special blessing to our efforts to make this great even a huge success.

We, the members and leaders of the Belvidere 4-H Club now extend our appreciation to all individuals and groups who volunteered their time and talents, to the churches in and around the Belvidere community for their tremendous response and cooperation, and to our host church, Piney Woods Friends and Pastor Ken Spivey. We sincerely thank each of you, and pray that God will add a most special blessing to enrich your life daily.

The Belvidere 4-H Club

I would like to take this opportunity to say "thanks" to each of you who remembered me with your prayers, for the beautiful flowers and cards you sent, for your visits and phone calls, and every act of kindness shown me and my family during my recent surgery at Leigh Memorial Hospital and during my recuperation at home. May God bless each of you as He has blessed me.

George G. Winslow

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to each one who remembered me during my illness, while in the hospital and my return home.

Your prayers, cards, flowers, gifts and visits mean so much to me.

Love and God Bless
Evie B. Dale

The Chief and members of the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department wish to express a heartfelt appreciation to the members and leaders of the Belvidere 4-H Club for the outstanding presentation of a "Singspiration Benefit," held on Sunday, March 10, to raise funds for the fire department. Although I expend a most sincere "thank you" on behalf of the fire department, I feel sure that all citizens of the Belvidere Community share the pride of knowing our area's 4-Her's worked so hard and gave an impressive display of love and concern for their fellow men.

Again, we thank you, any may God bless you and your 4-H Club with success as you continue your fine work in your community.

Jimmy Chappell, Chief
Belvidere-Chappell Hill
Volunteer Fire Dept.

I wish to thank all those who remembered me with cards, calls, visits and flowers during the recent death of my mother.

Caroline Wright

I wish to thank each one for remembering me with prayers, visits, cards, flowers, and every act of kindness, during my stay in the hospital and since my return home. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Claude Winslow